FOUNDATIONS IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP (FSL)

Summary
Foundations in School Leadership (FSL) assists teacher leaders in developing their leadership skills. The goal of FSL is to provide teachers who have proven leadership potential a place to further develop their leadership skills. Seminars are held on topics such as adult learning, cooperative learning, public policy analysis, and staff development. Established in 2007, this program enables teacher leaders to enhance leadership skills and grow in leadership roles they have been given in their schools.

Demographics
• Target Settings: Statewide
• Target Groups Served: Teachers
• Districts Served: All districts in the state

Research and Evaluation
What national or other research was considered during the development of this program/initiative? Describe the evidence that shows the program/initiative works.

Online evaluation of the program indicates that participants have rated it very effective. Many feel renewed and ready to utilize what they have learned to make positive changes in their schools. Comments include:

• “I think this program should be used for all administrators, master teachers, coaches, and any other leadership positions at the school and district level. It also offered the wonderful opportunity to collaborate with others statewide which I appreciated.”
• “Best experience I’ve had in a course ever - maybe even better than grad school courses!! Useful information to make me a better teacher and leader.”
• “This is an incredible program that I truly feel blessed to have been a part of. I will take away a lot from this experience and cherish all that I have learned. Thank you for making this possible.”

Resources
• Annual Cost: Varies due to state budget
• Funding Sources: Taxpayers of South Carolina
• Staffing Needs: Office of Leader Effectiveness – 6 staff members
• Infrastructure/Equipment Needs: Office space/OLE classroom
• Partner Organizations: None

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