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**Keene State College**  
**Regional School Leadership Consortium**

**Overview of**  
**Membership Opportunities and Benefits**

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Keene State College's Regional School Leadership Consortium (RSLC) is offering memberships to school districts throughout region. The RSLC provides a unique opportunity for collaboration with district administration to provide professional learning opportunities to Southwest NH educators.

Educator Preparation Programs at KSC have engaged in a range of successful partnerships with districts across the region. These programs are nationally accredited and the Educational Leadership program is recognized by the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC). The RSLC builds on this foundation and a successful approach to leadership development demonstrated in a partnership between KSC and the Contoocook Valley Regional School District (ConVal, SAU 1). The development of the RSLC is a natural extension of these efforts to involve additional school districts from the southwest region. The overall benefit to members of the RSLC is to increase teacher leadership and principal leadership capacity in support of P-12 learners. Specific membership benefits include:

**Leadership Capacity Building**

- Building capacity for educational leaders to create a solid pool of candidates for districts in the region.
- Building capacity for teacher leaders in support of school and district-based initiatives.
- Decrease time and funds spent for job searches due to solid pool of candidates; cost effective for Member School Districts.
- Program based on a proven successful model (ConVal Educational Leadership cohort).

**Professional Learning and Graduate Programs**

- Co-development of curriculum and program to allow for the integration of Consortium Member School District initiatives.
- Co-teaching of courses to promote collaboration between KSC faculty and administrators from Member School Districts with expertise in the field.

- Collaboration with the SW Center for Educational Support at KSC (SW Center) to develop professional learning experiences, including conferences, institutes and customized in-district activities or courses.
- SW Center coordination and facilitation of professional learning groups, e.g., SW Principals Collaborative, SW Special Education Directors, STEM professional learning community.

#### Resources and Financial Incentives

- Financial incentives will be built into professional learning experiences and programs to benefit Member School Districts and potential graduate students including member rates for use of facilities.
- Access to KSC grant efforts to support professional development activities and KSC support for district grant or foundation initiatives.

#### Member school districts will have opportunities to:

- Provide input into the development of professional learning experiences including curriculum for the KSC Educational Leadership and Curriculum and Instruction graduate programs.
- Support graduate student recruiting efforts for participation in KSC Educational Leadership and Curriculum and Instruction programs, and support overall marketing and communication efforts for the RSLC.
- Provide recommendations for potential graduate program candidates from Member School Districts.
- Offer qualified leadership mentors for students who participate in internships at Member School Districts and provide opportunities for conducting site based projects and action research.
- Nominate adjunct instructors and guest lecturers to lead professional learning experiences and courses in our graduate program.
- Provide space for class visits, observations, professional learning experiences, and course instruction, when available.

#### In addition, Member School Districts will have a seat at the table as the Advisory board provides guidance through the following activities:

- Cooperatively plan research-oriented, embedded professional development designed and offered to meet the leadership development needs of school faculty/administration with the assistance of KSC Educator Preparation faculty.
- Identify ways to connect principals in the region to the leadership consortium.
- Collaborate on the development, design, and delivery of the Educational Leadership and Curriculum and Instruction graduate programs at KSC. This is conducted in the context of KSC accreditation requirements.

- Agree to designate regular and consistent representation through the RSLC advisory board.
- Agree to annually review the RSLC vision and belief statements and revise as necessary.
- Work collaboratively to systematically evaluate the effectiveness of the RSLC in the context of the continuous improvement process. Gather and analyze data to inform the development of professional learning programs and the impact on teaching and learning. Establish goals and targets for improvement on annual basis.
- Review the overall support for the RSLC including the administrative structure, consortium model, and graduate program schedule of courses/professional learning experiences on an annual basis.
- Collaborate in seeking funds to support the RSLC (e.g., grants, foundation).

These membership benefits will be adjusted as the needs and interests of Member School Districts evolve. RSLC membership is non-exclusive, leaving members able to take advantage of similar opportunities that may be offered by other Institutions of Higher Education.

### **RSLC Contact Information**

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