

# Acceleration Academies Update



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# Purpose

On November 10, 2020, the Governor's Office and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) announced \$19 million to help Arizona students most impacted by the COVID pandemic. The funding supports a program called the Acceleration Academies and comes from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund as part of the CARES Act.

# Indicators for Eligibility

Eligibility for the Acceleration Academies was determined using multiple factors, including:

- Free and Reduced Lunch applications
- Not Proficient AzMERIT ELA and Math scores
- Unemployment claims in corresponding zip codes
- COVID cases in corresponding zip codes
- No access to computer in corresponding zip codes
- No access to internet in corresponding zip codes

# Acceleration Academies

\$19 million  
Acceleration  
Academies

**Base Funding:**  
183 schools with 36+ pts  
receive a \$75,000 base award

**Impact Funding:**  
37 of the 183 schools have a score of 41+,  
demonstrating more need. Additional \$100,000

**Enrollment Funding:**  
Of the 37 most impacted schools, 10 have  
500+ students. Additional \$157,500

# **Acceleration Academies**

## **Proposed Funding Formula- Three Components**

**1. *Base Funding:***

✓ Score of 36 or greater

**2. *Impact Funding:***

✓ Score of 41 or greater

**3. *Enrollment Funding:***

✓ Student population of 500 or greater

# Acceleration Academies

## Funding Components Rationale:

### ➤ ***Base Funding:***

- Every school will need a base level of aide in order to effectively provide evidence-based interventions

### ➤ ***Impact Funding:***

- Even with our cut score of 36 points, some schools were impacted significantly more than others
- These schools tend to be historically under-resourced and will need more funding in order to make an impact

### ➤ ***Enrollment Funding:***

- Schools with more than 500 students will need additional funding to meet the needs of all of their students
- Why not a per pupil formula?
  - Smaller schools would have received far less than would have allowed them to make an impact
  - There would be a large disparity of the total amounts of the awards

# Acceleration Academies

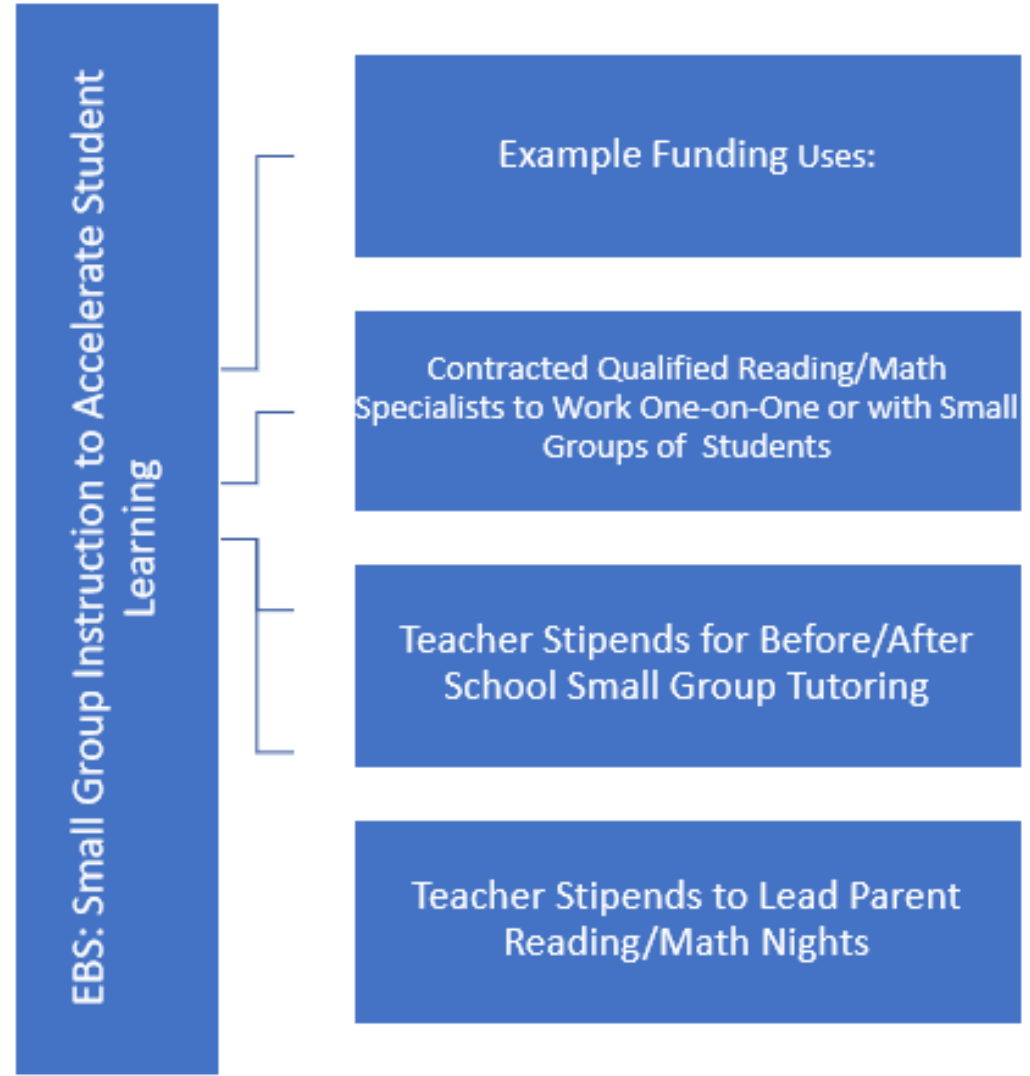
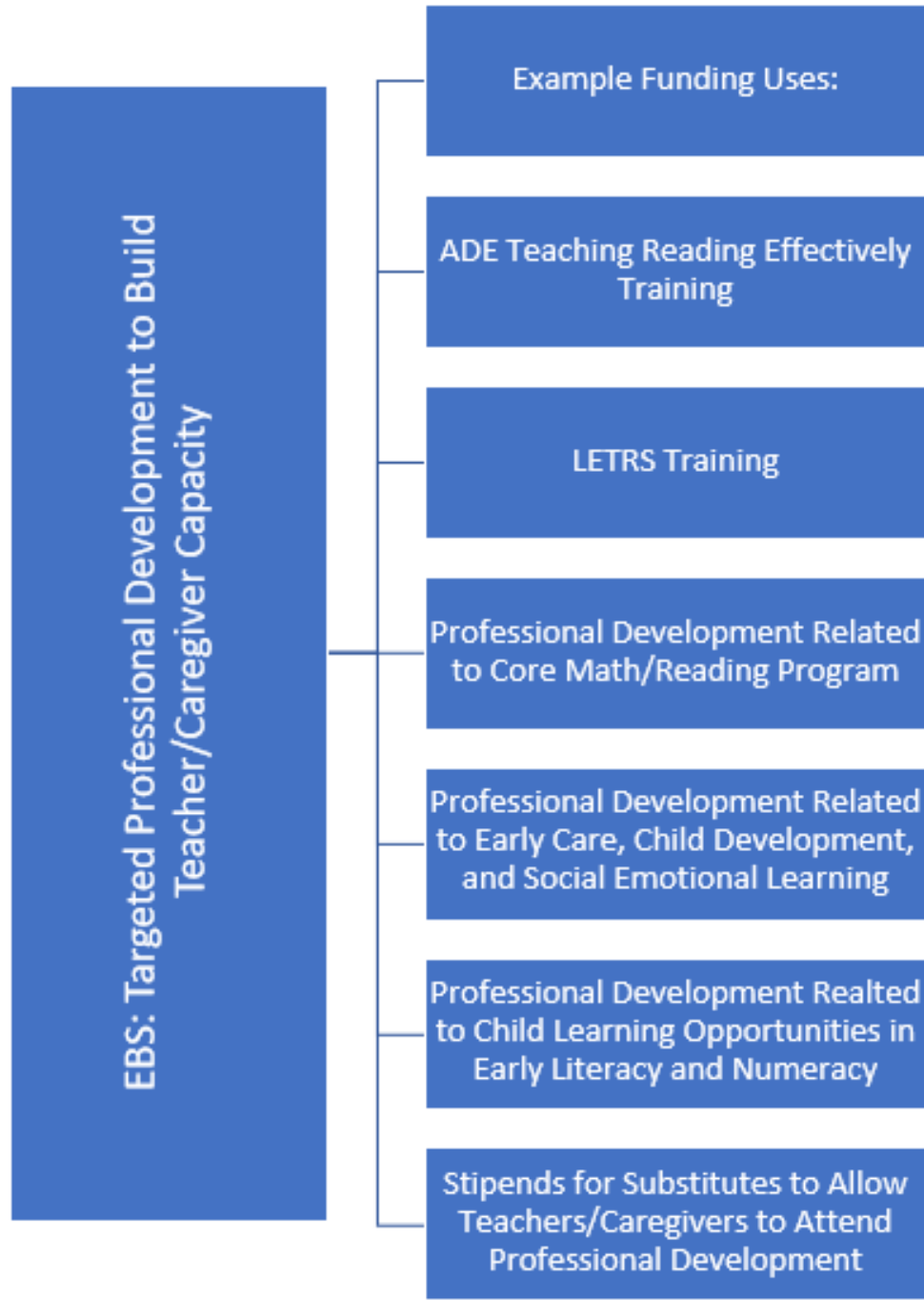
## Calculation Process:

- **Base Funding:** 183 schools
  - Every school will need at least **\$75,000** to implement enough evidence-based interventions to have an impact
    - This is a total of \$13,725,000
  
- **Impact Funding:** 37 schools
  - Our 37 highest impacted schools will receive an additional **\$100,000** for a total of \$175,000
    - This is an additional total \$4,625,000
  
- **Enrollment Funding:** 10 schools
  - Our 10 highest impacted schools with 500 or more students will receive an additional **\$157,500** for a total of \$332,500
    - This is an additional total \$1,650,000

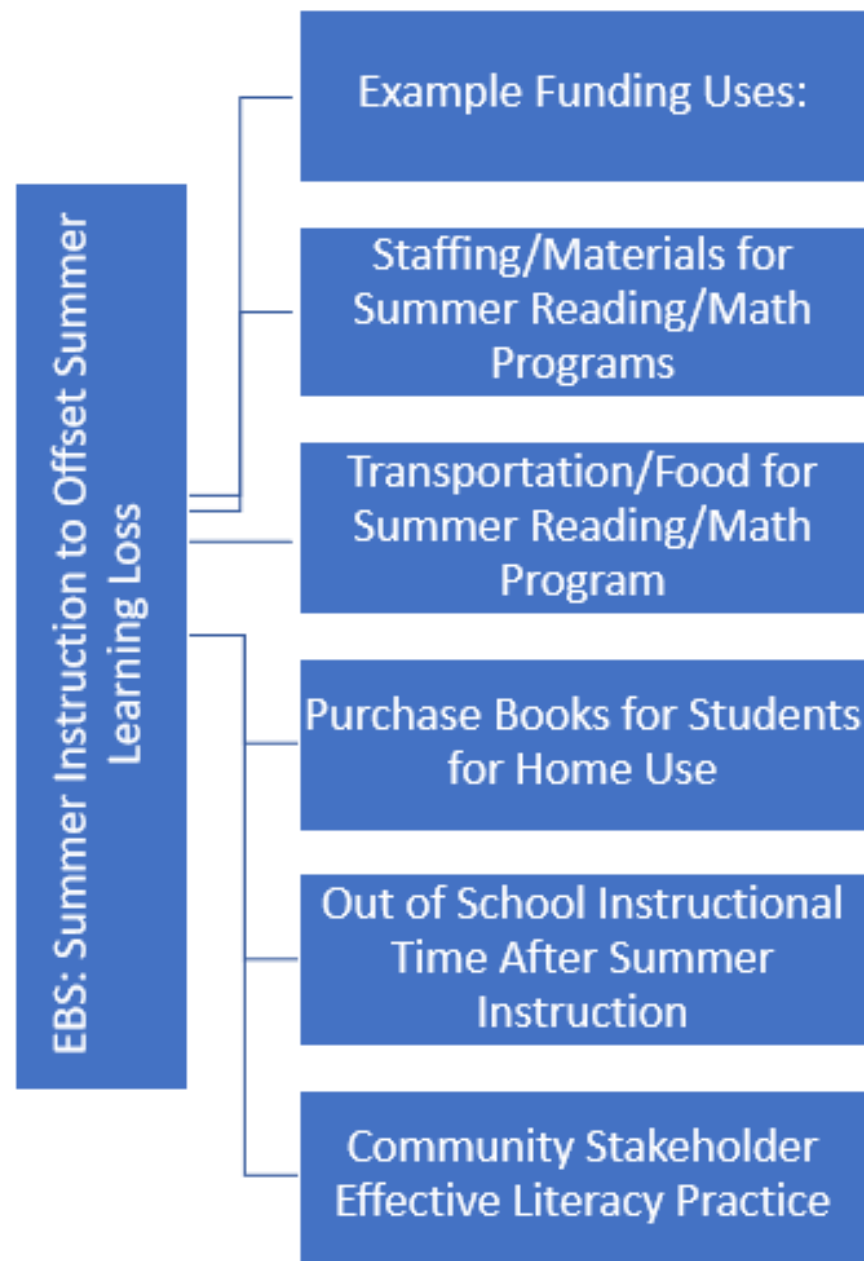
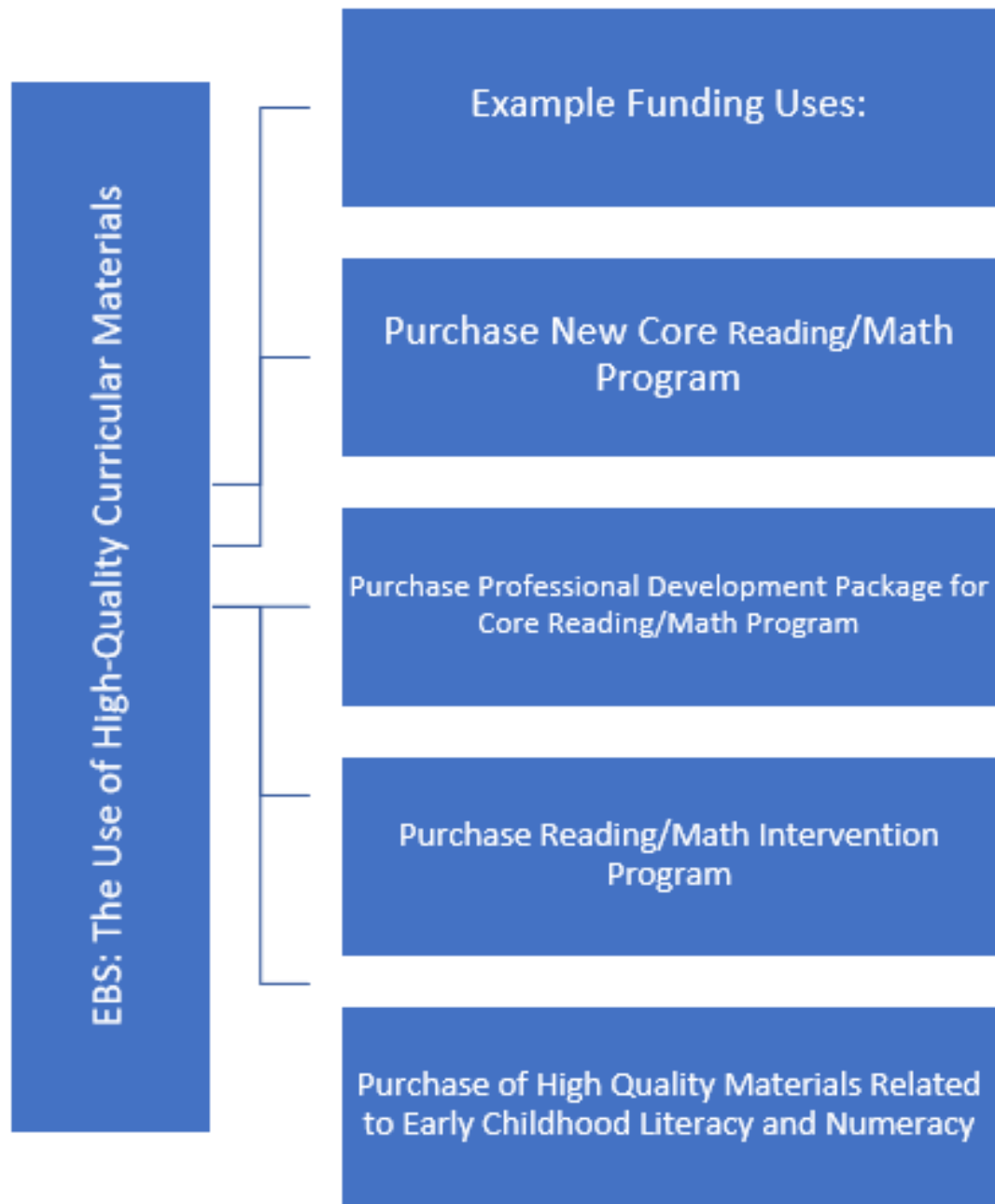
**Grand Total:** \$19,000,000

# **Immediate Supports for All Schools**





# **Extended Supports for All Schools**



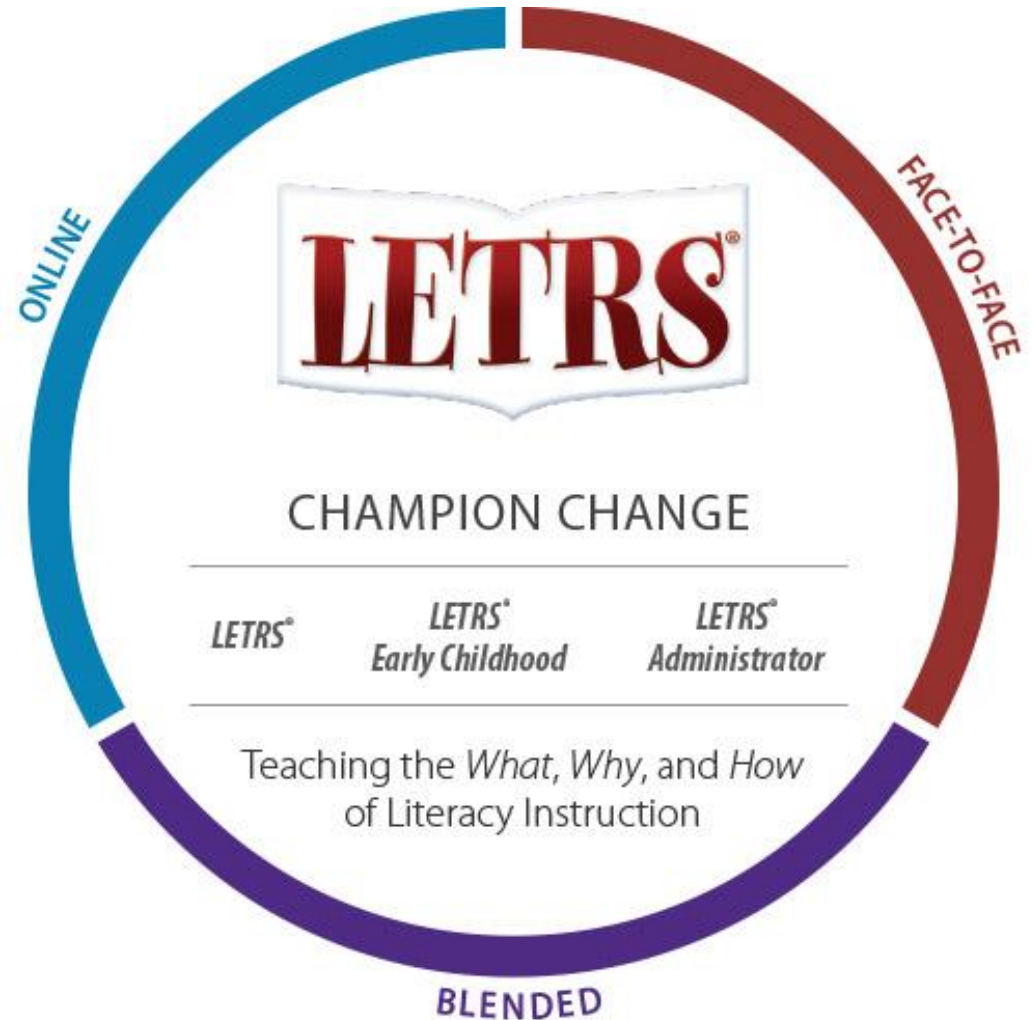
# **Strategic Supports for Most Impacted Schools**

# Strategies for Most Impacted LEAs

## LETRS Training

### *Teachers/Coaches*

- Grades PreK-3- ALL
  - LETRS for Early Childhood
- Grades 3-8- All self-contained classroom teachers/coaches
  - LETRS K-12
- Grades 6-12- All ELA teachers and coaches
  - LETRS K-12

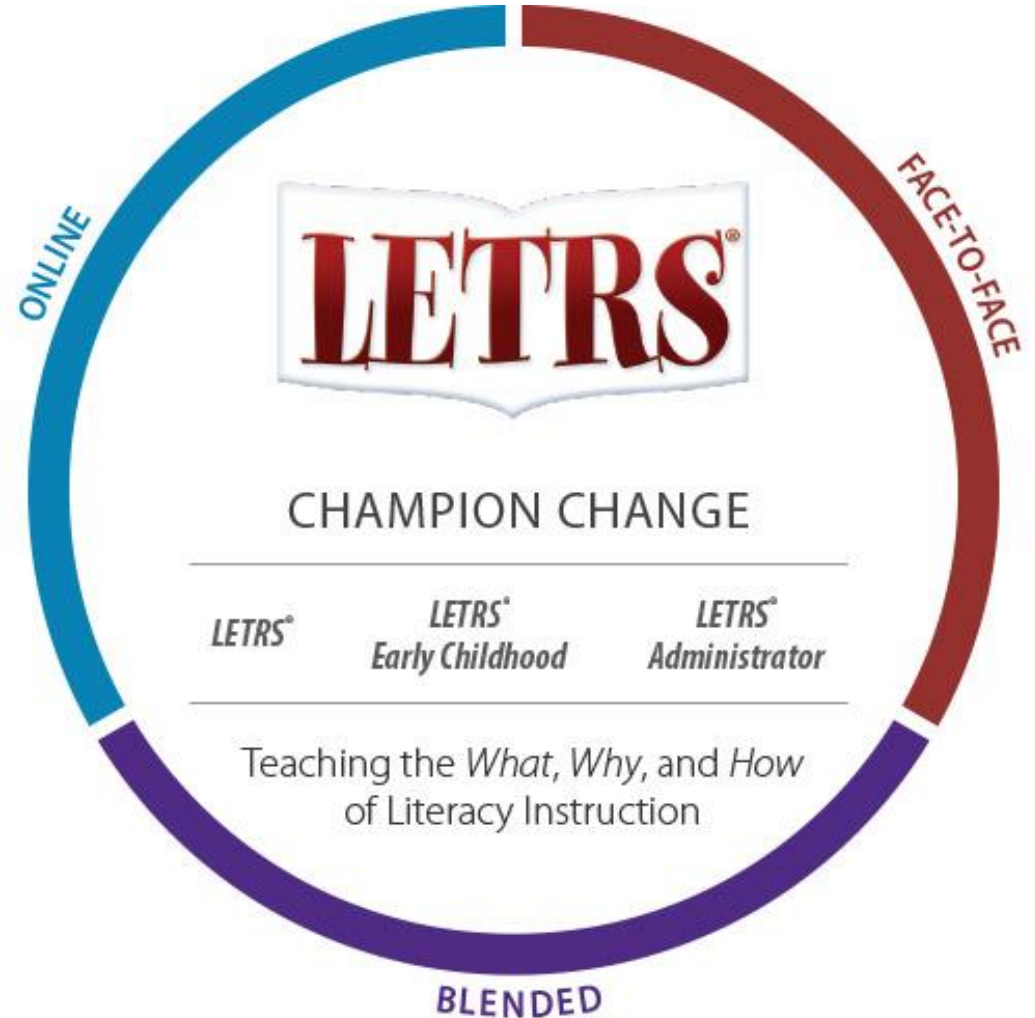


# Strategies for Most Impacted LEAs

## LETRS Training

### *Administrators*

- PreK-8
  - LETRS for Administrators
- High School
  - LETRS K-12 with teachers

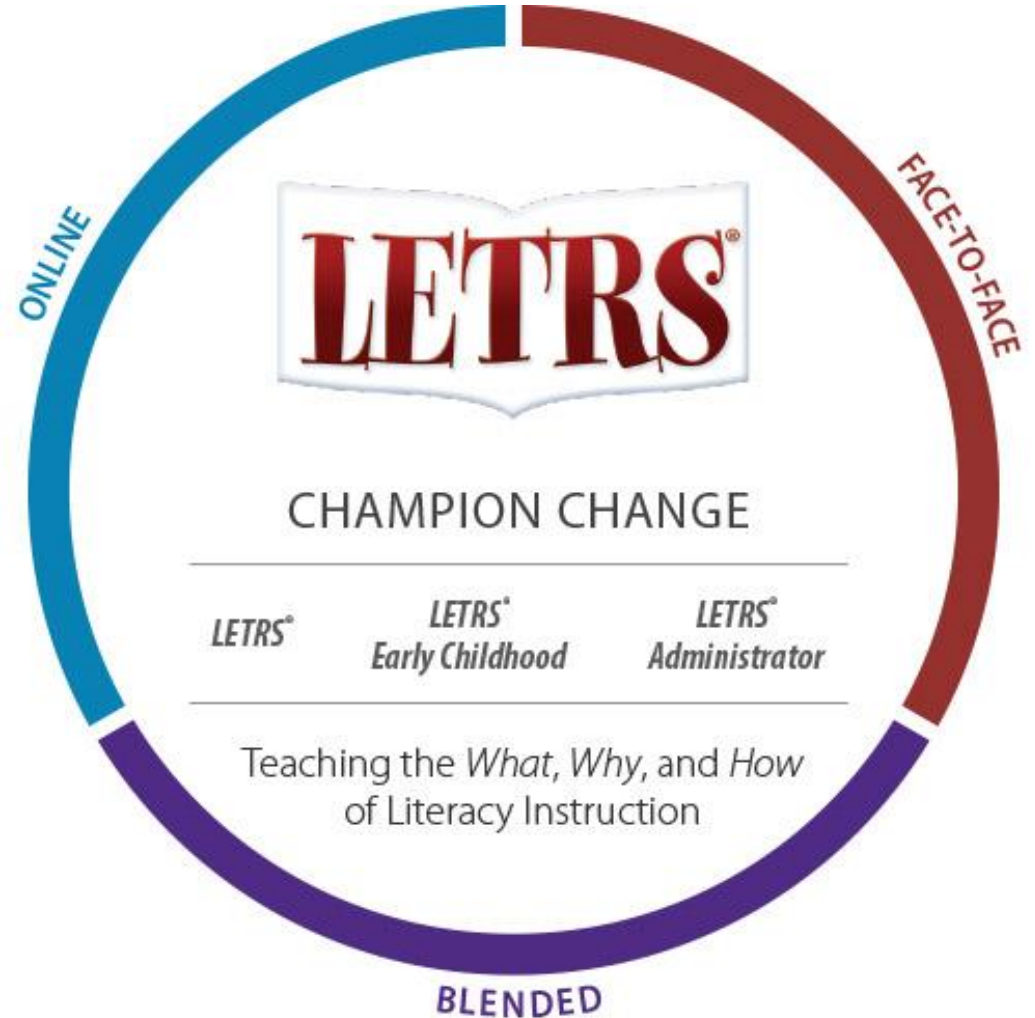


# Strategies for Most Impacted LEAs

## LETRS Training

### *Approximate Cost*

- Online course is \$168 per participant and \$59/year for renewal of digital license



# Next Steps

- ISA from Governor's Office
- ADE provides guidance and recorded webinar
- Grant application opens in GME