

Dear East Midlands, South Yorkshire and Humber Colleagues,

Welcome to the 5th edition of the 2017 weekly Teaching School update.

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Strategic School Improvement Fund - summary

Round 2 of the Strategic School Improvement Fund is now live.

- New, improved application form – [Click here](#)
- Updated guidance – clearer what makes a good application – [Click here](#)
- Deadline – midday 20th October
- SSIF Roadshow presentation slides – [Click here](#)
- **Eligible schools data will become available early w/c 25th September**

Partnership Meetings/Sub Regional Improvement Boards and Priorities

Please find attached the suggested **priorities for the each of the sub regions** as identified at recent Partnership Meetings. These meetings included colleagues from the DfE, Local Authority, Dioceses, Teaching School Council and Teaching School Regional Coordinator(s) and fulfil the Sub Regional Improvement Board **SRIB Terms of Reference**. [Click here](#)

A wealth of discussion at these board meetings helps to identify the regional priorities. Members of the Partnership/SRIB boards can provide further information around the rationale and context for the identified priorities. Please ensure that you are in discussions with your partnership representative around your local applications. If you are unsure who to contact, please email Ellen.Lee@sdsa.net for the details.

Collaborative and partnership applications

A strong message from the SRIB Partnership Meetings and from SSIF Round 1 feedback is the importance of a partnership approach. Almost all successful SSIF bids were collaborative approaches where all key partners planned together. If you are not yet developing an application through a collaborative model, please contact your Regional Coordinator who will be able to put you in touch with key colleagues.

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South Yorkshire and Humber – Pat Dubas, Patdubas@hotmail.com

The risks to success:

Please find attached:

- [The potential risks to successful applications identified for Round 2.](#)
- [Overview of the information provided within the applications that were funded compared to those which were not funded.](#)

SSIF Round 2 Developments

We have been asked by the DfE Education Standards Division (ESD) regional team to collect early thoughts (approximate indications at this stage) about likely SSIF R2 bid development:

- Applicant – who is likely to apply
- Reach – geographic area to be covered
- Focus – the need the bid will address
- Scale – the number of schools to be supported
- Value – the amount of funding to be requested

If you have some ideas of this already, please can you **complete the attached form and return to Ellen.Lee@sdsa.net by Monday 25th September**. Information will be shared with the ESD team the following day.

Headteacher Boards – voting open (on behalf of the DfE)

We encourage all academy leaders to vote in the election of representatives onto regional Headteacher Boards to support the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC). Voting closes at **midnight on 21 September 2017**.

The boards provide a valuable opportunity for academy leaders to help shape the schools sector in their region and drive social mobility, as members advise RSCs on the decisions they make within the scope of their responsibilities. [Find out more about the election process, including candidates' statements and how to vote.](#)

Local Hub Coordinator Proposals

Can EMTSGG representatives please to return their Local Hub Coordinator proposals to ellen.lee@sdsa.net by **24th September**. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ellen via email or tel: 0116 299 5940.

Follow up from the South Yorkshire and Humber development session – 13th September

Thank you to all colleagues who were able to join the development session last week for the South Yorkshire and Humber area. Unfortunately, we are not yet able to share John Edwards's slides – these will become available shortly. Other supporting resources can be accessed via the links below.

Event slides include:

Input from Chris Wheatley, Teaching School Council Representative
[Draft East Midlands, South Yorkshire and Humber Strategy](#)
[Feedback form](#)

Please return any comments or feedback to Ellen.Lee@sdsa.net by **13th October**. We will assume that if you do not provide feedback that you are happy with the contents of the strategy which will be used as the basis of moving forwards as the new region.

Regional opportunities

Please [click here](#) to visit the portal to view the latest regional opportunities, including:

- Governor Leadership and Clerk Development
- Leading a Mentally Healthy School
- Invitation to attend the launch of the Doncaster Research School by Partners in Learning.

All the best,

Ellen Lee

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