

Dear Principal,

I found a timely and exciting professional learning opportunity for our Kindergarten team, called [Project Connect](#). The only cost is providing the coverage for 5 school days for each participating teacher. The rest of the program benefits are paid for by a grant to Erikson Institute and in partnership with ISBE—and, this is the final year of funding.

What I find most appealing about this program is that it directly relates to the KIDS assessment tool that we are required to use. And we will learn about the latest research and best practices for teaching mathematics, language, and literacy. They have put English Learners and cultural relevancy at the heart of the work, so I am hoping to grow in my ability to connect with all my students.

The program is convenient because it is online. There are self-paced modules that I can complete in short bursts at any time and return to again and again. The synchronous PLC sessions are during the school day and provide built-in time for observation, documentation, and reflection about my students' growth. This ensures that the program will be relevant to me and my professional needs.

Project Connect will give our team a chance to collaborate with other Kindergarten teachers from across Illinois and benefit from learning from other districts who use the KIDS tool as formative assessment and as a parent reporting tool.

To learn more, you can visit the [website](#) or email projectconnect@erikson.edu with any questions.

To participate, I need you to please complete the [School Application](#) so that I can be enrolled.

High-quality, low-cost PD that is tailored specifically for kindergarten is a rare find! Erikson Institute is a national leader in early education, and this is our chance to learn with them. I hope you will consider this and not let this opportunity pass us by!

Sincerely,

An amazing, dedicated Kindergarten teacher