

# *NJ LITERACY LEADERS' NETWORK*

*FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS*

*2019-2020*



# What is the Literacy Leaders' Network?

The Literacy Leaders' Network is a free professional learning network for principals and supervisors who want to deepen their understandings of Balanced Literacy how to best support and supervise their teachers in many areas, most especially literacy.

It meets 5 times a year, and is facilitated by Paramus principal Tom Marshall.



# When are the dates and times of meetings?

The Literacy Leaders' Network meets 5 times a year from about 9:15 to 2:30. This year's dates are the following:



Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>



## Where do we meet?

The Literacy Leaders' Network meets at elementary and middle schools all over New Jersey with varying levels of experience in Balanced Literacy.

Over the years, we've visited many schools in Bergen, Essex, Morris, Union, and Somerset Counties. This year's visits are being scheduled. If you are interested in hosting a day, please let Tom know.



# What happens at sessions?

Our days primarily filled with many types of activities.

\*We always visit a labsite, where we practice teaching students and observing lessons. Depending on the size of our groups, we may have two labsites from which you can choose.

\*We conduct learning walks, where we walk through and look at the school from specific lenses. We practice giving one another feedback based on what we see.

\*We spend some time together as a group learning many areas of literacy and instructional leadership.



# How do I get involved?

Just email Tom at [tmarshall@paramus.k12.nj.us](mailto:tmarshall@paramus.k12.nj.us), and he will add you to the list. It's that simple! There is no fee, and no commitment.

If you have other questions, please call him at 201-261-7800, x8710.

