

# **New Micro-credential Initiative at Harmony**

We are excited to share that Harmony and BloomBoard will be partnering in the 2018-19 school year to offer educators personalized, competency-based, job-embedded professional learning through micro-credentials. This exciting new initiative is intended to support the career advancement and aspirations of Harmony educators.

Harmony would like to more formally and consistently support its staff along pathways to career growth and advancement through role-specific micro-credentials.

### Micro-credentials are:

- Grounded in application of PD in practice
- Foster evidence-based professional learning
- Focused on specific skills for each educator
- Support self-paced professional learning
- Enable differentiation and personalization for educators

### What is a micro-credential?

A micro-credential is a digital form of certification indicating that an educator has demonstrated application of a specific competency. Micro-credentials promote learning by doing – to earn a micro-credential, educators must apply their learnings in their practice, collect evidence, and demonstrate their competence.

<u>To learn more about micro-credentials,</u> <u>watch this short video.</u>

# New 2018-19 Pilot Implementation

In this first year we will be developing micro-credentials for both new teachers and some of our veteran teacher leaders.

- All micro-credentials offered will be designed and developed by Harmony and its content partners to specifically address the needs of Harmony educators.
- Programs will be offered for educators currently in some of the available teacher leader roles and also to educators aspiring to these roles.
- To incentivize participation and engagement, stipends are being developed for participating educators.

## **Next Steps**



Look out for a series of emails from BloomBoard containing short videos that introduce microcredentials, the platform, and the initiative at Harmony.



Attend the webinar session being offered June 4th from 11:00am - 12:00pm CDT. Click this link to join the meeting - <a href="https://zoom.us/j/429581151">https://zoom.us/j/429581151</a>.



Submit any questions you have in <u>this form</u>. We will be reviewing your questions on a regular basis and answering them in the webinar.