

Lavinia Group Selected by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) To Provide Professional Development in Science of Reading for Maryland Leads Grant Program

Maryland Leads Grants to provide more than \$150 Million in funding to combat the learning loss resulting from COVID-19

Baltimore, MD – Lavinia Group, a leading provider of K-8 curricula and professional development for teachers and school leaders, today announced that its hands-on and high-impact professional development services will be included in the Maryland Leads Grant, a new program that will support Local Education Agencies (LEA)s across the state.

Maryland Leads is a new grant initiative that allocates federal funds to overcome the learning loss resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, accelerate student learning to narrow gaps in academic achievement, and provide more targeted support for historically underserved students and their communities.

“Since the founding of Lavinia Group, closing the opportunity gap in a manner that is highly supportive to teachers and leaders is central to our mission. Through our partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education, we will continue to ensure that all children have access to quality education,” Lavinia Group Founder and CEO **Arin Lavinia** said. “Our transformational professional development methods will support teachers and school leaders to deliver high-quality reading instruction that supports practical application of the most current science of reading research. The goal is to ensure educators have the tools they need to support Maryland’s youth as the state rebounds from the pandemic.”

Maryland State Department of Education has approved the Lavinia Group to serve as an educational vendor for participating LEAs to use as a resource. The Lavinia Group will provide hands-on, results-focused teacher professional development, which is a signature component of the organization’s services. Through this coaching experience, educators will acquire skills to improve literacy instruction and reading achievement.

LEAs can learn more about the Lavinia Group’s professional development model by visiting: <https://laviniagroup.org/lavinia-group-maryland-leads-grant-science-of-reading/>

About Lavinia Group

Lavinia Group is a national leader in public education with a specialty in helping partner schools and networks achieve standards-aligned literacy and math instruction, through high-quality leader and teacher training. Since 2015, Lavinia Group has partnered with 70-plus school systems across the country, delivering transformative results for more than 260,000 students. The organization has contributed to significant gains in student ELA and math assessment performance across its partner schools.

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