



Regional School District No. 1 | *Teacher Professional Development Opportunity*

Local Heritage Learning Lab

Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area | housatonicheritage.org

August 6 & 7, 2019 + 3 PD sessions during the 2019-20 academic year

Housatonic Heritage is pleased to invite 2nd–12th grade teachers from Region 1 to participate in the fourth year of our place-based professional development program. Over those years, *Local Heritage Learning Lab* has provided 12 teachers with opportunities to immerse themselves in personal learning at local heritage sites and to collaborate with colleagues in designing skills-based, inquiry-focused learning opportunities for their students using community resources. Here is what we can provide to you.

- Get a **free field trip with bus transportation** to Beckley Furnace in 2020.
- Get **three half-day PD releases** during the 2019-20 academic year.
- Receive a **\$350 stipend** for completion of program.

This program consists of three core activities:

Summer Immersion Experience

August 6 & 7, 2019

Based at the Beckley Furnace State Industrial Monument in East Canaan, teachers explore the site's unique landscape, structures, artifacts, and documents and experiment with historical and pedagogical methodologies for learning in heritage sites settings.

Coaching and Peer Feedback Sessions *(release time has been authorized by Region 1 administration)*

September & December 2019, May 2020

- Two half-day coaching and peer feedback sessions further examining and collaboratively implementing curriculum- and standards-aligned inquiry-based learning strategies using heritage resources. One half-day session to review and evaluate outcomes.

Lesson Implementation and Student Field Trips

April & May 2020

- Teacher implementation of lessons/activities, including student field trips to Beckley Furnace.

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