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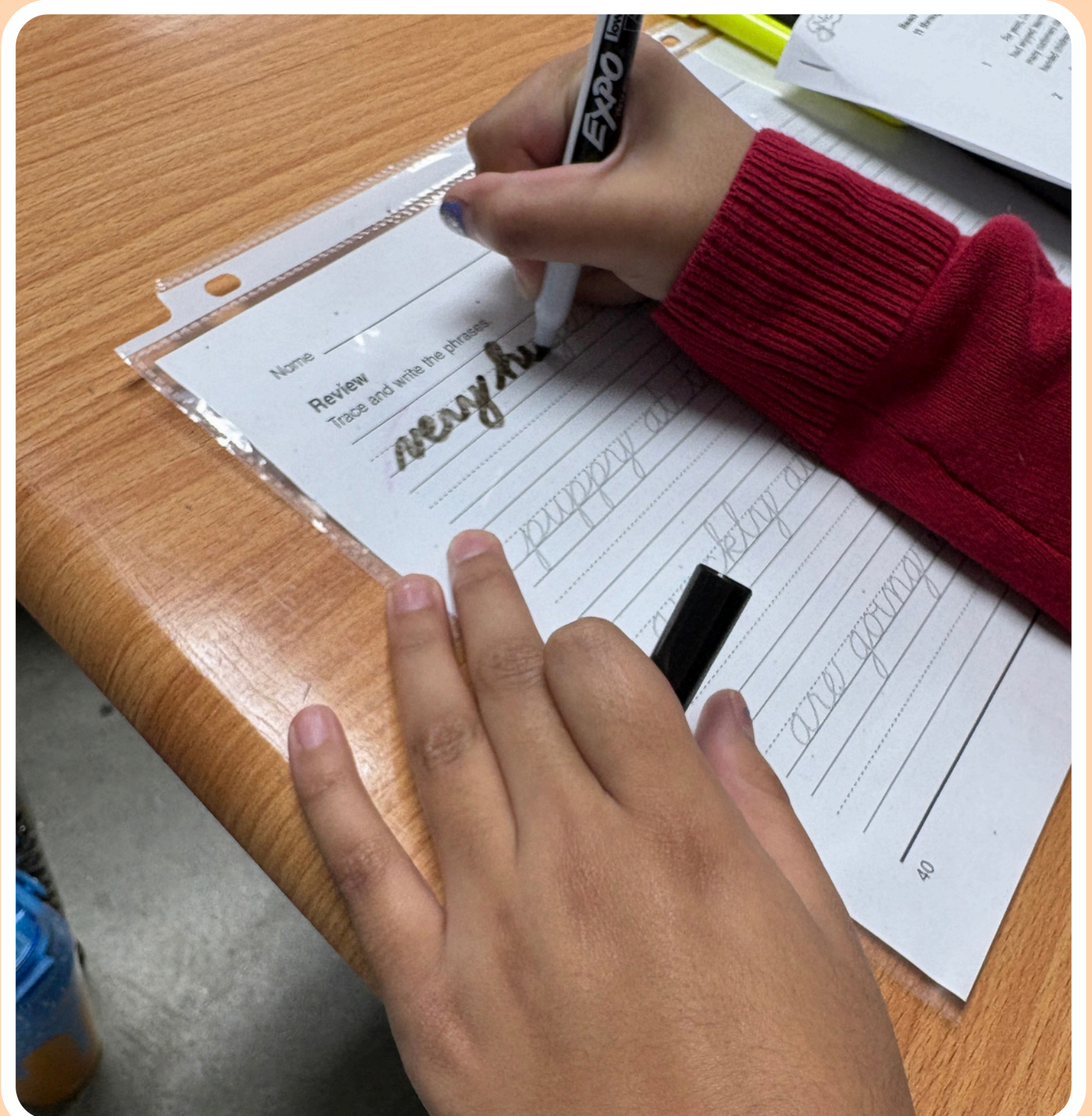
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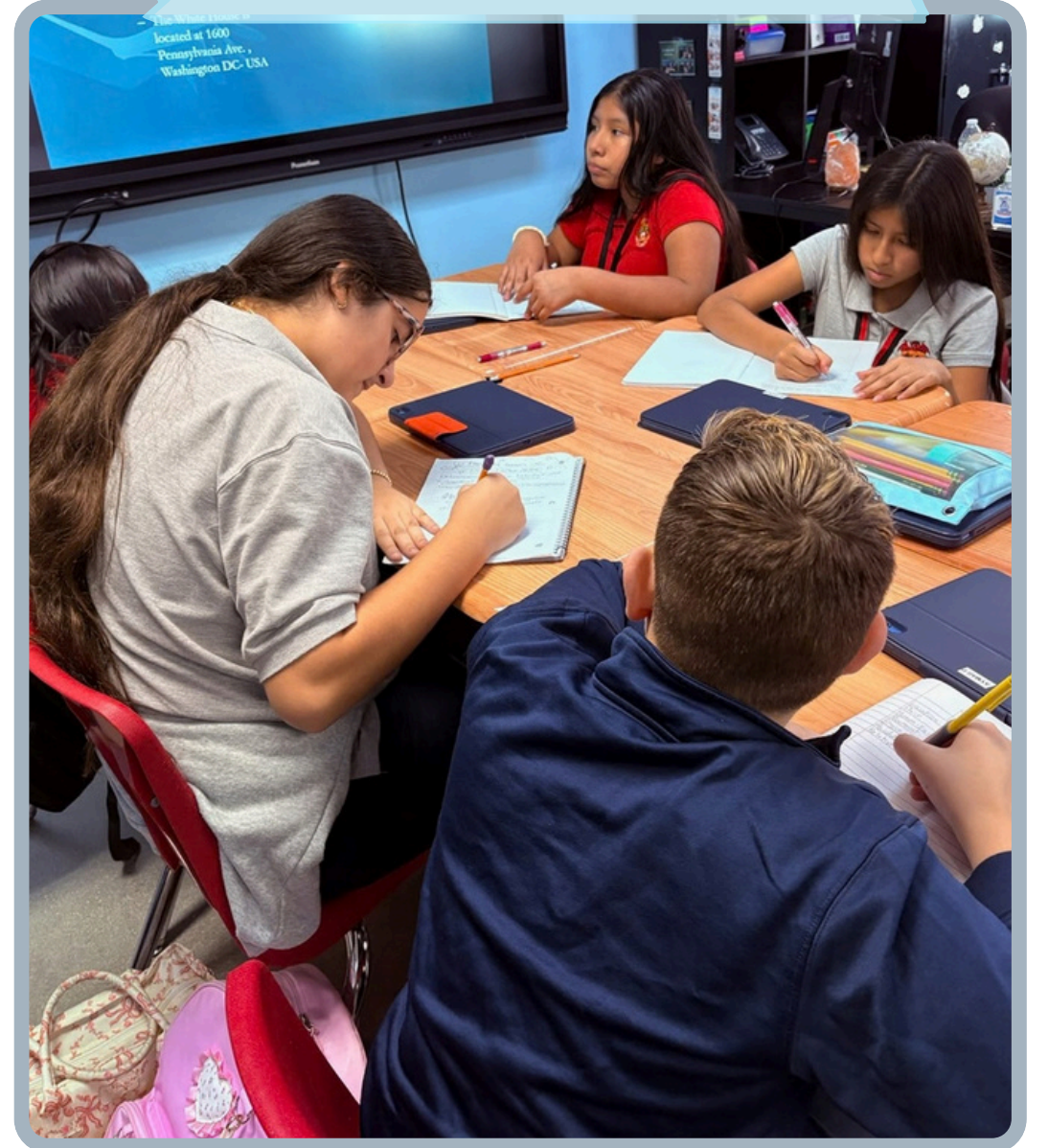


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In a recent legislative decision, the Florida Department of Education implemented Bill #HB127, requiring all public schools to provide cursive writing instruction from 2nd grade through 5th grade. According to the language within the bill, it defines proficiency as "the ability to write upper and lowercase letters in cursive, writing words and sentences legibly with proper spacing and alignment, and the ability to read and apply cursive writing so as to support literacy development, including writing essays and other assignments in cursive in accordance with state academic standards." (House Bill).

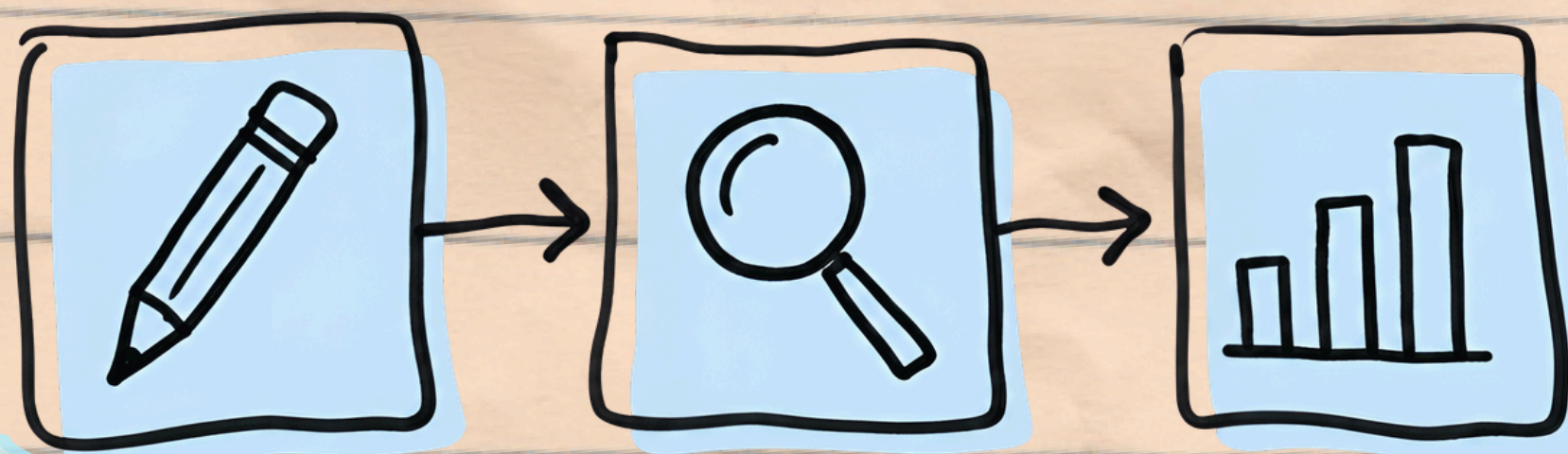
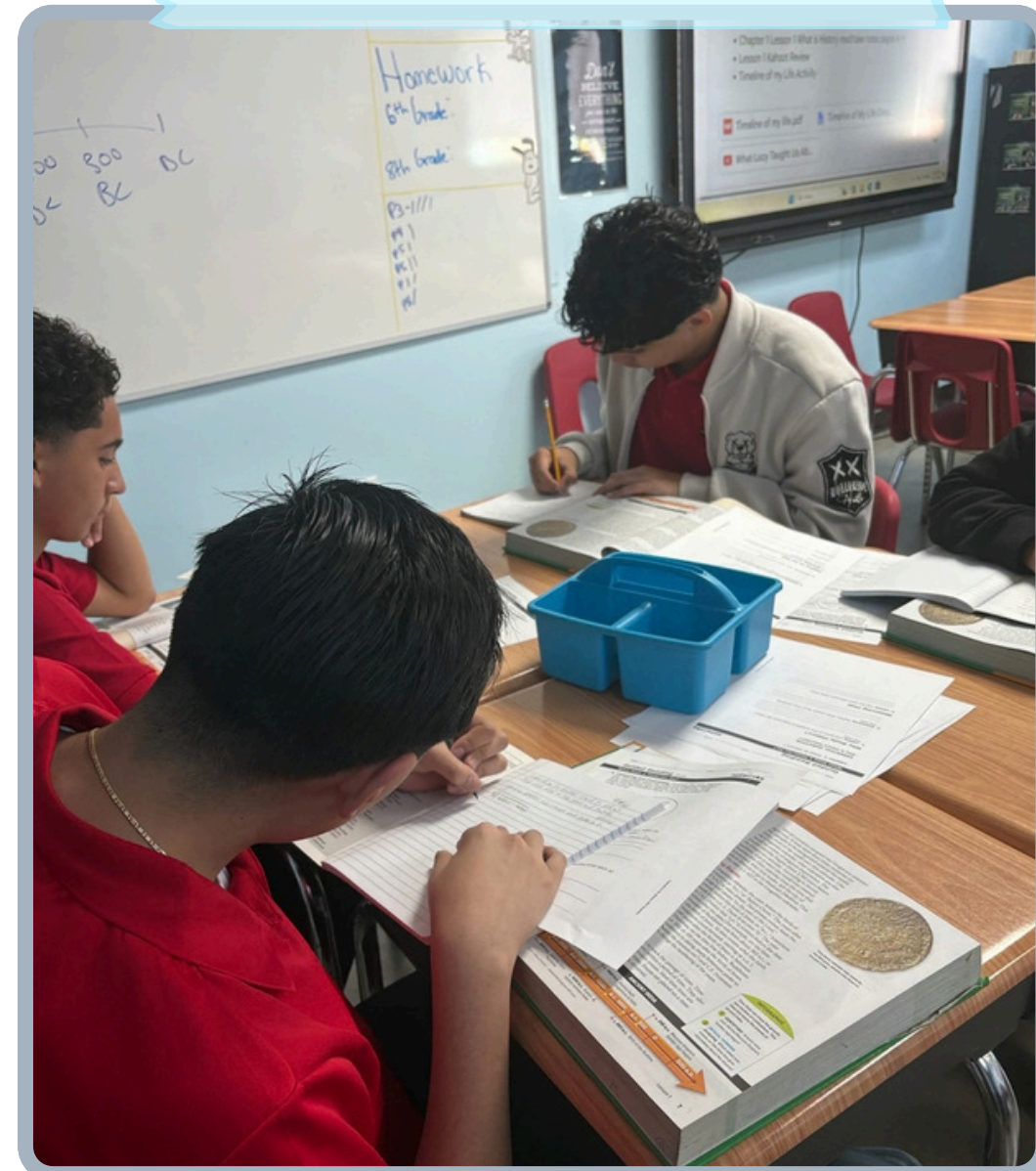


Alongside the rise of technological advancements made in education, from better personal devices for students to better AI tools to use in the classroom, there has also been a rise in returning to the tried and true, pencil and paper. *Why should Students Write in All Subjects*, an Edutopia Article by Youki Terada, expands on this idea by analyzing a recent study by a professor from Arizona State University on the impact of writing in non-ELA subjects and how it better facilitated learning. As predicted, writing proved to be effective, Professor Graham explaining that "Writing about content material facilitates learning by consolidating information in long-term memory". Previous research studies, such as *The Persistence and Transience of Memory* by Blake A. Richards, have found that the brain goes about storing information by optimizing itself, "From this perspective, forgetting is not necessarily a failure of memory...Rather, it may represent an investment in a more optimal mnemonic strategy" (Richards).



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The question then becomes how to implement more writing into non-ELA subjects' instruction. The solution, however, is not as difficult as it would seem. The key is to shift focus towards low-stakes, simple assignments, where the priority isn't grammar and spelling, rather allowing students to put their ideas to words in a controlled manner. Implementing low-stakes writing into STEM instruction can consist of anything. *Why should Students Write in All Subjects* provides a list of strategies that can be easily embedded into the classroom, like asking students to draft out "I Wonder" statements, small paragraphs where they can freely write out their ideas and questions without being worried about an impending grade.



Want to learn more?

- Check out the full articles below!
- • Why Students Forget—and What You Can Do About It
- • Why Students Should Write in All Subjects
- • House Bill #127

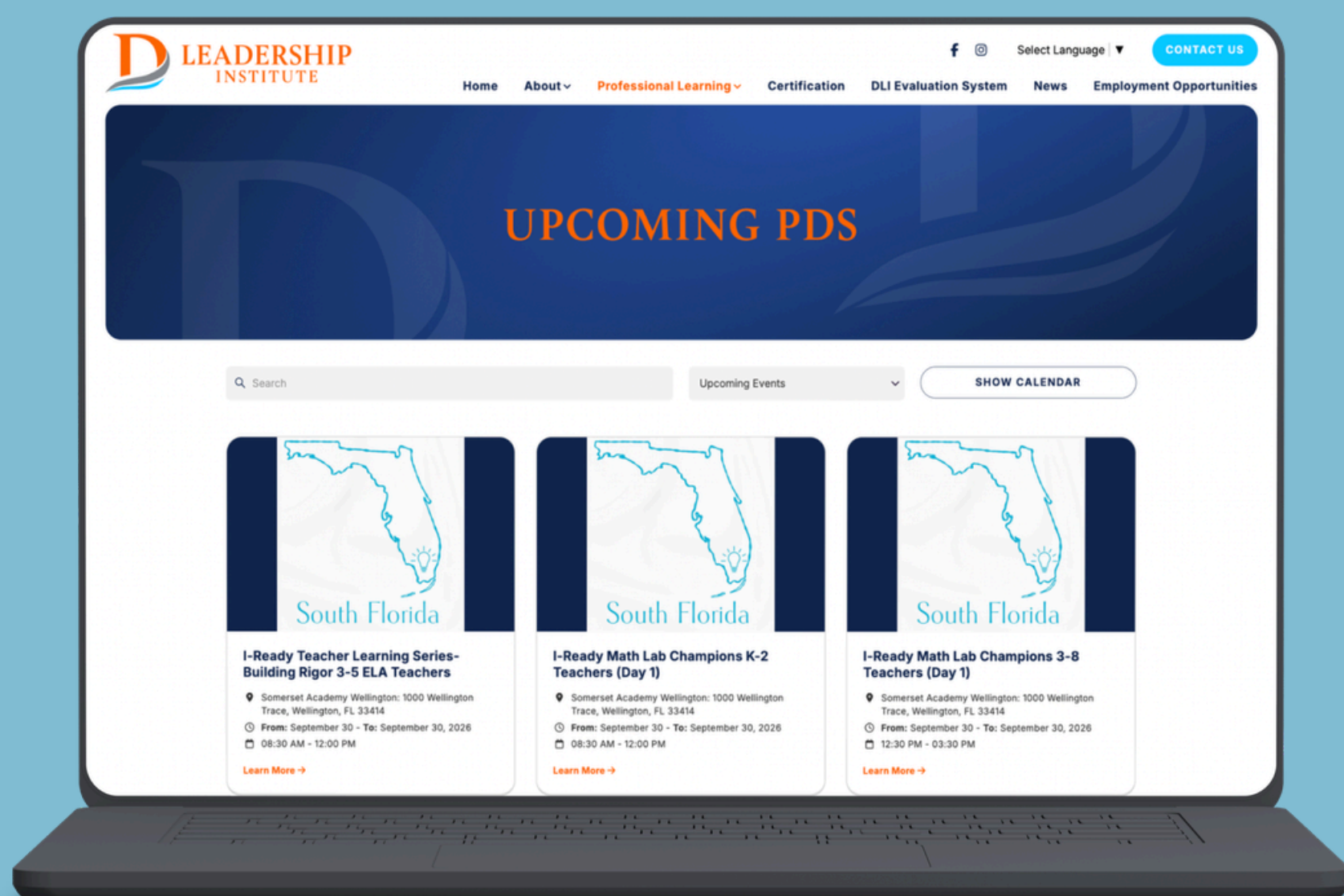
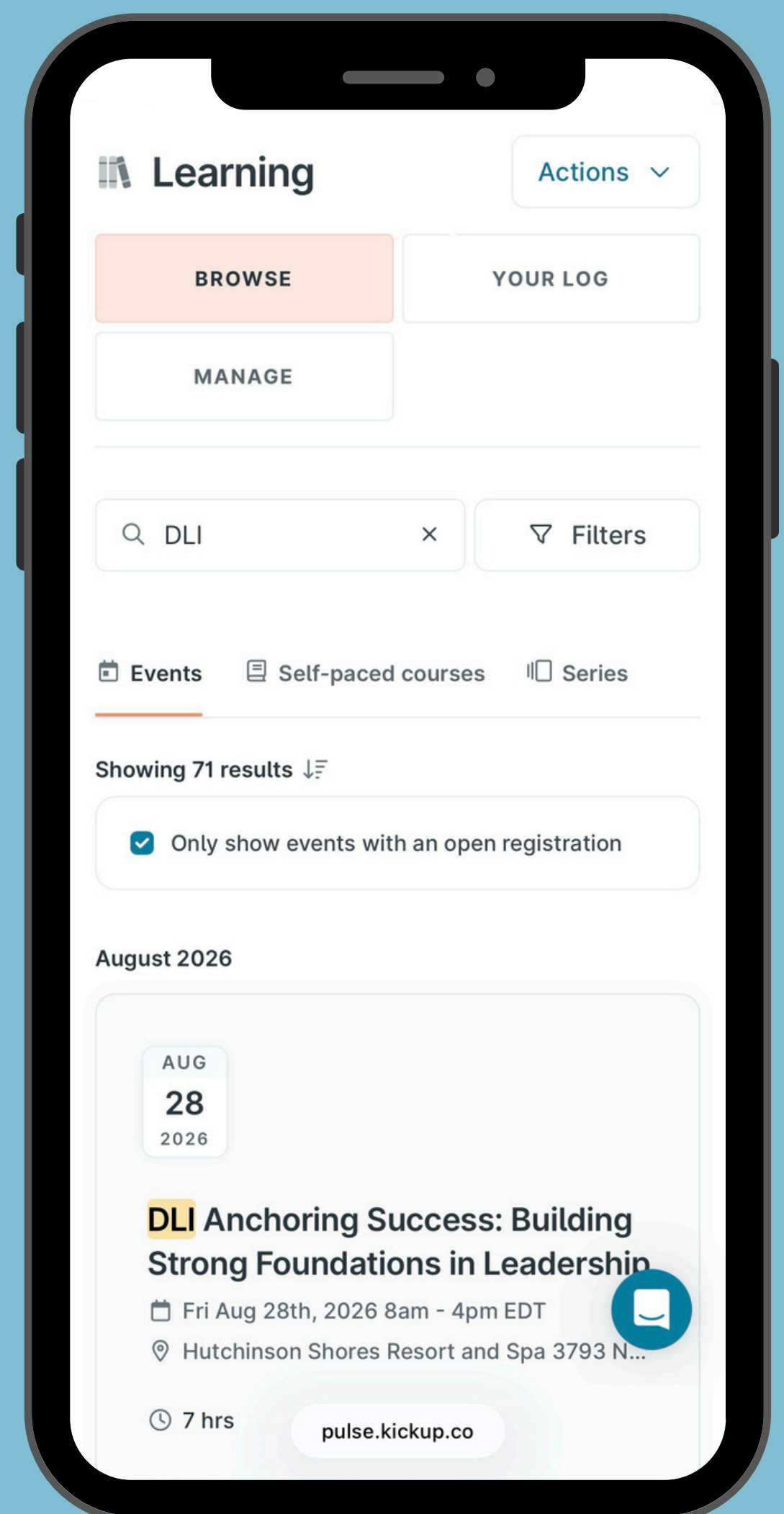
All Things PD!

We host more than 100 professional development opportunities a year across our DLI network, make sure you stay up-to-date!

Register on KickUp!

KickUp is home to all of our DLI hosted PDs – making it easy for you to register at the click of a button! All our DLI schools have access to the platform through your Colēgia email.

If you do not have a KickUp account, please reach out to your school's PD Liasion or our IT Support, Giovanni Tambucho at GTambucho@doralleadership.org for further assistance.



Check our website and our regular DLI email blasts to be the first to know about new, upcoming PDs!

DLI Certification Updates

Is your Professional Certificate expiring in June, 2027?

Renewal Requirements include:

120 Master Plan Points or 6 semester hours

All educators are required to include **20 master plan points** or **1 semester hour** in **teaching Students with Disabilities (SWD)**

New Renewal Requirements for Selected Educators

Courses available through Doral College, Beacon Educator and BEESS

If your Professional Certificate has an expiration date of June 30, 2027, or later, AND you have one of the following areas listed below:

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Ed (K-6) (1-6)
- Prekindergarten/Primary Ed (PK-3)
- Primary Ed (K-3)
- Preschool Education (birth to age 4)
- English
- Middle Grades English (5-9)
- Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum
- Reading (K-12)
- Reading Endorsement
- ESOL (K-12) (not endorsement)
- Exceptional Student Education (K-12)

You MUST complete 40 hours of Literacy/Reading professional learning credits

Do you have Educational Leadership on your certificate?

If your Professional Certificate has an expiration date of June 30, 2027, or later, AND You have one of the following areas listed on your teaching certificate:

- Educational Leadership
- School Principal

You **MUST** also earn a minimum 20 hours of professional learning credits in Florida's Educational Leadership Standards (FELS).

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Welcome, Doral Leadership Institute participants! We're thrilled to continue our journey with the DLI Community for the 2026-2027 academic year. Doral College is here to support you with comprehensive course options tailored to meet your needs at various stages of your career.

Click below to navigate the DC/DLI Quick Guide so students can refer to the important dates and course offerings for the *Fall C Semester*! Fall registration on KickUp began August 10, 2026 and will close on October 4, 2026 at 11:59 pm.

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