



## January 2024

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope that your holidays were both enjoyable and restful and that 2024 is off to a great start for each of you. As we enter 2024, we are wrapping up our [blog series on math coaching](#) and turning our attention to Academic Return on Investment (A-ROI). In addition to this month's [blog](#) on this topic, we'll be publishing three asynchronous webinars in January to help you learn more about A-ROI and how you can use it to support your decisions on how to best use any ESSER funds your district may have remaining. We hope that these webinars and the A-ROI tools that will be provided will be helpful to your district team.

In January, we also recognize National Mentoring Month. Mentoring has been found to positively impact teacher commitment and retention, teacher classroom instructional practices, and student achievement. These three outcomes are critically important to addressing the current issues we face in education, such as teacher shortages and student learning gaps resulting from the recent pandemic. We've provided a few resources on mentoring to support you in your efforts to begin a new teacher mentoring program or strengthen your existing program.

Additionally, as we observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday this month, we are happy to provide classroom resources for sharing about Dr. King's work and legacy with students in your state, district, or school.

Be sure to visit our website and check in with us on social media to keep up with our work. We are honored to continuously support you during these five years.

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## New R7CC Blogs

[Developing Effective Math Coaches: A Content-Driven Perspective \(Part 4\)](#)

[Smart Allocation of ESSER Funds and Academic Return on Investment](#)



## Mentoring Resources

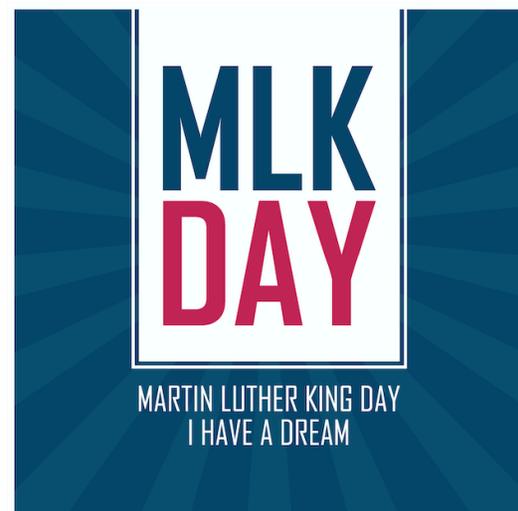
New Teacher Center – [High-Quality Mentoring and Instructional Coaching Practices](#)

National Institute for Excellence in Teaching – [Three Critical Steps for Strengthening New Teacher Mentoring](#)

## MLK Day Resources

National Education Association – [Learning and Living the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

PBS – [MLK Jr. Day Classroom Resources](#)





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