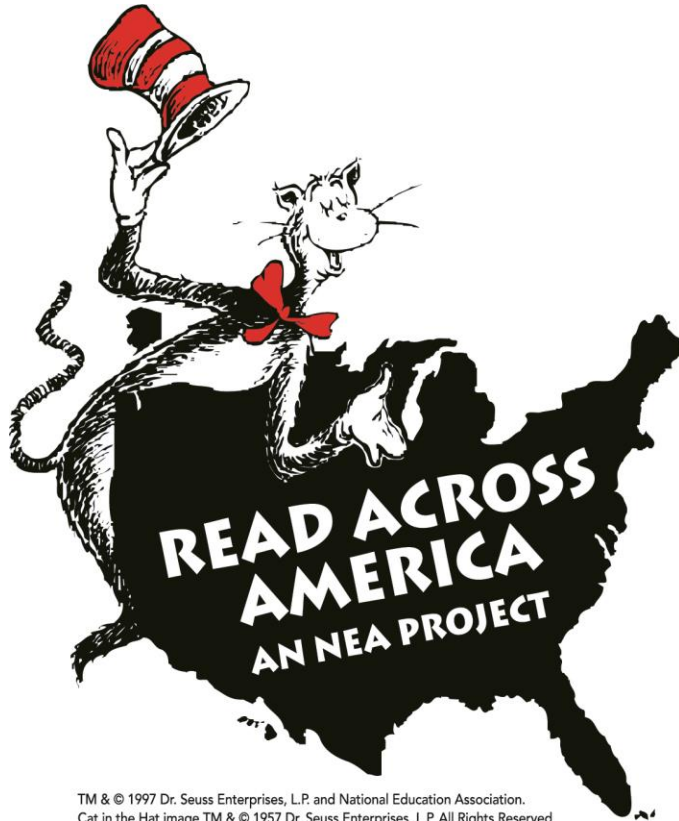


# Advocacy: Community of Practice

**The Goal** of this group is to support a Community of Practice, where we build capacity in our local and national advocacy efforts. Members will coordinate advocacy activities in their program/community, in order to foster a campaign of sustainability and access for out-of-school time and expanded learning programs. By making phone calls, writing letters and hosting site visits, this group will raise awareness about the critical role these programs play for youth, families, and communities.

**National Read Across America Day** is an annual event for schools all over the world to come together and show a real passion for reading. This event also serves as an opportunity for all programs to host a site visit, for an elected official, to show support for After School programming.

Please join our movement...



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## MEETINGS

Webinar 1 [January 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-11am]

In Person 1 [February 15<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm]

**Read Across America Day  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

In Person 2 [March 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm]

Webinar 2 [April 10<sup>th</sup> 10am-11am]

## RESOURCES

- Network and support of after school professionals
- Toolkits designed to simplify the process for first time advocates
- One on one guidance for planning a Read Across America event

## COMMITMENTS

- Coordinate or support a Read Across America event
- Participate in Advocacy Community of Practice meetings
- Advance local-level advocacy efforts within the community

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