

Lansing School District
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION IN
THE READING NOW NETWORK

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for **Lansing School District**, along with education leaders throughout Michigan involved with Reading Now Network, understands the importance of developing talent that is career ready and college capable, and

WHEREAS, one in six children who do not read proficiently in third grade fail to graduate from high school on time, four times the rate for children with proficient third grade reading skills, and

WHEREAS, there is a moral and economic imperative to the relentless pursuit of early literacy, and

WHEREAS, the Reading Now Network is an alliance of school and community organizations from across Michigan dedicated to collaboratively raising literacy rates, and

WHEREAS, the Reading Now Network has adopted the goal of realizing a minimum of 80% of third graders reading proficiently at grade level and systematically implementing intervention strategies for the 20% who, due to normal developmental differences, take a little longer, and

WHEREAS, the involvement of **Lansing School District** in the Reading Now Network will promote the sharing of successful, research-based literacy instruction, and

WHEREAS, all children in Michigan deserve educational opportunities that allow them to compete on a national and international basis,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education for **Lansing School District** fully supports the goal of the Reading Now Network and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent to collaborate in the work of the Reading Now Network for the support of students in the district and across the region.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by the Board of Education for **Lansing School District** at a meeting thereof held on the 18th day of April, 2019, by the following vote of the Trustees thereof:

AYES, AND IN FAVOR OF THEREOF: Beverly, Bhatti, Burroughs, Hodgins, Lawrence, Lijak, Lopez, Rodriguez

NAYS: 0

Absent: Lewis


Secretary

4/18/19
Date

**Reading Now Network
District Commitment Form**

The **Lansing School District** supports the Reading Now Network's goals to:

- Benchmark successful early literacy practices in other countries, states, and across our own region
- Implement proven, research-based K-3 literacy instruction and interventions
- Marshal the region's K-3 literacy expertise and experts on behalf of all the region's children
- Design and deliver teacher professional development that reflects best practices in K-3 literacy
- Openly share successful strategies for early intervention, remediation, and acceleration
- Open our classrooms to cross-regional learning, highlighting "bright spot" innovative practices
- Identify and promote community-wide support and involvement in helping our students read
- Assist parents with at-home strategies, including non-English speaking or non-reading parents
- Hold network partners accountable for our mutual success

As a Reading Now Network member, the **Lansing School District** will work with education, business, legislative, community, and parent partners to insure that every child in our region is a successful reader, both sharing with and learning from all partners in the network.


Name

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Date