

RESOLUTION TO NAME ALABAMA'S SCIENCE OF READING SPOTLIGHT SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Alabama Reading Initiative recognizes schools that have demonstrated a strong commitment to foundational literacy for Alabama's K-3 learners; and

WHEREAS, these schools demonstrate commitment to the components aligned with the Science of Reading as outlined in the *Alabama Literacy Act*; utilizing explicit, systematic, and differentiated reading instruction and interventions with extensive opportunities for practice, based on student need, for all students including those exhibiting characteristics of dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, the leadership in these schools work alongside the school's local reading specialist and teachers to deepen their understanding of the science of reading by fully participating in professional learning such as Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS); and

WHEREAS, the science of reading is considered an integral part of the educational processes to prevent and remediate reading difficulties for the purpose of ensuring all students read at or above grade level by the end of third grade; and

WHEREAS, data is utilized to monitor individual student reading progress, make necessary instructional adjustments, and provide additional instructional opportunities such as Tier III reading intervention, summer reading camp, and before/after school tutoring; and

WHEREAS, these schools have demonstrated reading growth in their third-grade outcome data that exceeds the average third grade reading growth of the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Reading Initiative recognizes these schools as 2022-2023 Science of Reading Spotlight Schools, with the goal of highlighting effective structures and practices across the state of Alabama:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the professional accomplishments of these schools who have been able to demonstrate reading growth based on their outcome data and replicable actions from their community of invested stakeholders, that they are Science of Reading Spotlight Schools in 2022-2023.

Done this 9th day of June 2022