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Dear Parents:

This letter is to provide information to parents of 3rd and 4th grade students regarding Senate Bill 319. This law requires the following:

1. Assessment of students in grades 3-6 to determine their reading level.
2. Individualized Reading Improvement Plans for students in grades 4-6 who are reading substantially below grade level in reading.
3. Additional reading instruction for students with Reading Improvement Plans.
4. Retention of students in grade 4 if they are reading below the 3rd grade level. (Unless the student qualifies for an exemption.)

Students in grades 3 and 4 will be assessed within 45 days of the end of the school year. Students in grades 3 found to be reading below 2nd grade level will have a Reading Improvement Plan developed for them. The reading plan will include a minimum of 30 hours of additional reading instruction. This instruction may be provided during after school tutoring and/or summer school the summer before grade 4.

Students in grade 4 found to be reading below 3rd grade level MUST attend summer school for additional reading instruction. These students will be assessed again at the end of summer school. At this point, if a student is still reading below 3rd grade level, mandatory retention in 4th grade is required. There are exemptions to this law in relation to students with disabilities and student with limited English proficiency.

More information regarding Senate Bill 319 can be found at the following link:

<http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/curriculum/english-language-arts/senate-bill-319>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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