



SUPPORT HB 3198 B

Support Critical Investments in Early Literacy

Our organizations are proud to share support for HB 3198 B, including the funding structure. We have supported the Early Literacy Success Initiative from its introduction and are now happy to see funding supported by a combination of sources that will give districts the flexibility they need to begin implementation of this critical investment.

House Bill 3198 B will enable districts to better meet the needs of their students and educators by supporting them with funding and methods aligned with the science of reading.

The Early Literacy Success School Grant program is established in the Student Success Act Statewide Education Initiatives Account with \$90 million. Every district will be eligible for this non-competitive grant to fund specific investments aligned with the science of reading. Small schools will receive a minimum funding level and are encouraged to apply in consortia or with their education service district to maximize resources. The Student Investment Account in turn receives an increase, which can be used for a district’s local 25 percent match for a total of \$120 million invested in literacy. In a year where CAT revenues are robust, this funding method makes sense to begin this critical program. We are committed to continue the conversation about how to ensure a sustainable funding structure to make this initiative durable.

We support HB 3198 B and urge you to vote yes in support of this critical investment in early literacy.

Vote YES on HB 3198 B

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