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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Being a good reader is critical for a student to be successful in school. In 2016, the Michigan Legislature passed PA 306 to ensure that students exit Third Grade reading at or above grade level, which will take effect in 2020. In accordance with this law, Southfield Public Schools administers the NWEA MAP test three times per year. This NWEA MAP test provides detailed data regarding where a child is on his/her learning path. Additionally, the data results highlight those who need further reading instruction and intervention.

K-3 students will be assessed in fall, winter and spring of the school year. PA 306 requires districts to provide early and regular written communication to parents of K-3 students who, based on this assessment, have displayed reading struggles. The communication provided to parents will include the following items:

- Individualized Reading Improvement Plan/Read at Home Plan
- Read at Home Plan for Student Success Booklet
- Build the Habit of Good Attendance Document

While NWEA data is used to determine where an individual student is on his/her learning path, starting in 3rd grade students are required to take the state assessment, which is the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress). PA 306 requires that 3rd grade students are proficient in reading on the state assessment, M-STEP, in order to be promoted to 4th grade. If your child is reading below grade level at the end of 3rd grade, based on performance on the M-STEP, you will receive correspondence that your child will not be promoted to 4th grade.

Much work is being done to ensure the success of all of our students in reading. Southfield Public Schools is committed to working with all of our families and students to ensure that every student succeeds.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,

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Chief Academic Officer