



Mr. President,

As you know, according to NAEP, only 3 percent of U.S. 8th grade students are advanced readers, and only 30 percent are proficient readers. Sadly, this means 67 percent of U.S. students do not have the full literacy skills needed to succeed in this fast moving 21st century culture. Please support the LEARN Act.

Literate Nation's Alliance Partners

Dear President Obama,

Please help all of America's children, and help secure the future of this nation by supporting the 2013 Literacy Education for All, Results for the Nation (LEARN) Act. This Act provides federal support for state literacy programs, which warrant that children from birth to grade twelve have the reading, writing and language skills necessary for success in school and beyond.

Literate Nation, our alliance partners, and I believe that federal literacy policy is mandated if states are to transform current literacy instruction in the classroom, beginning in preschool and following up through teacher preparation programs. The proposed LEARN Act will support the intense literacy reform needed to ensure all students become literate, educated, career-ready citizens.

As an overview of the LEARN Act includes (1) universal preschool, (2) screening and continual progress assessments to direct student reading development in grades K-3rd, (3) certified teachers of reading in every K-3rd grade classroom, (4) multitier system supports in general education classrooms grades K-12 for students that struggle to become grade level proficient readers and writers, (5) data systems—analysis and use—to direction student instruction, to provide advancement for teacher knowledge, and to guide school programs, and (6) teacher preparation and new certification programs in colleges of education and states that follow science-based knowledge and practice standards.

Your education programs are lauded and will drive success, as will the Common Core State Standards Initiative. However, if students cannot read their textbooks or write at grade level, no program can succeed—reading and writing are the bedrock of all education. It is imperative that the LEARN Act have your support.

Sincerely Yours,

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