



Spartanburg School District Two

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Dear Parents,

The South Carolina Read to Succeed Act became law in 2014 with the goal of improving literacy and reading proficiency for all children. The law includes some significant information regarding the promotion and retention of third grade students that will take effect beginning with the 2017 - 2018 school year.

The law states, “Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, a student must be retained in the third grade if the student fails to demonstrate reading proficiency at the end of the third grade as indicated by scoring at the lowest achievement level on the state summative reading assessment.” There are exceptions to this requirement in the law. These exemptions will be taken into consideration when making retention decisions regarding individual students.

Please be assured that it is the goal of Spartanburg School District Two that all students will become proficient readers by the end of third grade. Many interventions have been put into place to meet the diverse needs of our students. Instructional support such as additional instruction in reading, individualized instruction, intense whole-group and small group instruction, LLI (Leveled Literacy Intervention) Interventionists, and computer assisted instruction. In addition, classroom teachers will continue to receive literacy training and support from school-based Literacy Coaches.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your child’s principal. You can also access information about Read to Succeed on the South Carolina Department of Education website (<http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/read-to-succeed/>).

As we focus on every child, every day, it is our intent to help each Spartanburg School District Two student become a successful reader.

Sincerely,

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