



**A Joint Resolution Of The State Board of Education and The Tennessee Higher Education Commission To Renew our Collective Commitment to Third Grade Reading Proficiency**

By Lillian Hartgrove Chair of the State Board of Education

Whereas, the Tennessee State Board of Education and Tennessee Higher Education Commission jointly support the goal of the Department of Education to dramatically increase third grade reading proficiency; and

Whereas, early literacy is the academic cornerstone for all students and lays the foundation for continued success in secondary and postsecondary education and the workforce; and

Whereas, the members of the State Board of Education and The Tennessee Higher Education Commission seek to ensure alignment of student success and support beginning in early grades through post-secondary;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved By the Tennessee State Board of Education, The Tennessee Higher Education Commission concurring, that our agencies renew our commitment to utilize available resources to support educators and educator preparation programs as they work to develop teachers and school leaders dedicated to ensuring all students are set on a path to success.

Adopted July 26th 2018.

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