

Sunflower County Consolidated School District

Dr. Debra Dace, Superintendent

"United For Excellence"



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Dear Parents,

During the 2013 Legislative session, the **Senate Bill 2347 Literacy-Based Promotion Act** was passed. The **Literacy-Based Promotion Act** was created to require improvement in Kindergarten and 1st through 3rd grade public school students' reading skills to ensure that every student completing 3rd grade reads at or above grade level. **The bill states that beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, a student scoring at the lowest achievement level in reading on the established state assessment for 3rd grade will not be promoted to 4th grade unless the student meets a good cause exemption for promotion.**

To address the requirement of the Literacy-Based Promotion Act and ensure success for students, Sunflower County Consolidated School District will provide intensive reading instruction and interventions for all students exhibiting a substantial deficiency in reading in Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Sunflower County Consolidated School District staff will access and monitor student learning on a quarterly basis throughout the school year to determine their areas of strength and weakness in reading using STAR Early Literacy (Kindergarten) and STAR Reading (Grades 1-3). These online assessments will be given to all students as indicated on the 2014-2015 school calendar that is located on the Sunflower County Consolidated School District homepage (www.sunflower.k12.ms.us)

We are working diligently to educate all of the students in the Sunflower County Consolidated School District and we can't succeed without your help and support. Continue to read with/to your child and support a love for reading to help us ensure that all students are readers by 3rd grade. If you have additional questions or concerns about the requirements of **SB2347**, please contact your child's principal.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Debra Dace".

Dr. Debra Dace
Superintendent of Education