

The Baltimore Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

3rd GRADE READING SUCCESS MATTERS

“Today
a reader.
Tomorrow
a leader.”

- Margaret Fuller



What's Happening

Dear Baltimore Grade Level Reading Coalition members:

As promised during our last coalition meeting, I want to make sure we stay connected and each of you is in touch with the work of the Baltimore GLR Campaign. Below are a few key highlights of progress since we last met and information about our next coalition meeting.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, ideas, or feedback. I sincerely appreciate your partnership.

*Regards,
Kimberly Manns
Program Director*

Data Driven Decisions

The Baltimore GLR Campaign is committed to data driven decisions and the use of best practices. We are excited to announce that Jennifer Bell-Ellwanger, Chief Accountability Officer for Baltimore City Public Schools, will be joining the GLR Steering Committee. Jennifer and her team will provide context on how literacy is currently measured at City Schools. They will also provide recommendations and guidance on how the Coalition should determine our current baseline for literacy scores, how objectives should be measured, and progress assessed.

Summer Learning

Read to Succeed is in its second year of operation, driven by a strong partnership between the Baltimore GLR Campaign, Baltimore City Public Schools, the Mayor's Office, the Family League of Baltimore, Parks and People, and other public and private partners. Read to Succeed ensures that rising first through 4th graders, who are identified as needing extra reading support, receive a five week, comprehensive summer program, which includes intense literacy instruction, enrichment activities, field trips, and three meals a day. Recruitment efforts have been very successful and enrollment for summer 2013 now exceeds its target of 3,000 youth and has a waiting list. The program has attracted national interest and has recently been awarded \$300,000 by the Target Corporation, as well as \$600,000 in local private and public dollars. Thank you!!!

Back to School

The Baltimore GLR Campaign, through its partnership with City Schools and the attendance collaborative, has identified "Back to School" as a key area of opportunity to ensure our children enter the classroom ready to learn. Through our partnership with the Mayor's Office and the AmeriCorps organization, the Baltimore GLR Campaign has been able to extend the work of our Read to Succeed summer associates and provide 100 vistas as a full-time resource to City Schools' back to school efforts for two weeks over the summer time. These workers will help various City Schools departments prepare for the school year and ensure parents and children have the necessary tools to return to school.

GLR Survey and Next Coalition Meeting

Thanks to all who completed the Baltimore GLR coalition survey. I will be working with our project management team over the next several weeks to solidify the organizational structure and strategic plan with your feedback.

Based on your feedback, we will be hosting coalition meetings three times a year. The purpose of these meetings will be to inform each of you of the progress of the Baltimore GLR Campaign, ensure all stakeholders are connected, and receive input. Our next meeting will be July 25th, 9am-11am at the Family League of Baltimore. Please hold the date! We very much look forward to seeing you then.

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