

Educating  
America's  
Children



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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to share with you our recent publication, "Every Child Reading: An Action Plan."

As you may know; a dozen large education associations representing teachers, parents, school board members, administrators, state policymakers, and teacher educators came together almost a year ago with a common goal: to put aside their individual interests and improve student learning in America's public schools. This new partnership, the Learning First Alliance, is an unprecedented and permanent collaboration of educational organizations representing more than ten million individuals engaged in providing, governing, and improving public education.

The Alliance works with and through its member organizations to achieve the following three goals: (1) to ensure that high academic expectations are held for all students; (2) to ensure a positive and supportive place of learning for all students; and (3) to engage parents and all community members in helping students achieve high academic expectations. The enclosed publication was jointly developed by the Alliance member organizations in furtherance of these goals. It will form the basis of our work to meet the objective that every child be able to read well by the end of third grade.

If you would like additional copies of the paper, please contact Lydia Ellis of AFT at (202) 393-5684. Bulk rates are available.

We look forward to working with you in the future toward the goals we share.

Sincerely,



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