



Dear Parent or Guardian of a Primary Student:

Our community is facing an issue of critical importance. It is an issue that can potentially affect our economy, reduce the competitiveness of our workforce and challenge our highest ideals. The issue is Jacksonville's primary students reading readiness.

The goal of the Duval County Public Schools is to have every student reading at or above grade level every year. To accomplish this, the district is looking at ways to improve the reading achievement of all students within our community. Reading achievement is especially critical in the primary grades and students' literacy experiences in kindergarten through second grade can contribute substantially to their success in learning to read in future grades.

Recently, the Duval County School Board approved a change to the promotional requirements for students in grades **kindergarten, first, and second**. You are receiving this letter because you have a child in one of these primary grades. This new policy measures grade level reading readiness as a requirement for promotion. This means that **any student who scores below 54% percent** on the third administration of the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) **will be retained and must attend summer school reading remediation**.

Students take the FAIR assessment three times during the year. The final Assessment Period 3 will determine whether a student is promoted or retained and must attend summer school for reading remediation. After this initial letter of notification to all parents regarding the change in promotional requirements, the district will continue to notify only the parents of students who score below 54% percent and are in danger of not meeting promotional requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the change to the promotional requirements and how it affects your child, please contact your child's school or visit our website to review the Districts Pupil Progression Plan at www.duvalschools.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Pratt-Dannals". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "E" and "D".

Ed Pratt-Dannals
Superintendent of Schools