



LAKE SHORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Michigan legislature enacted House Bill No. 4822, otherwise known and references as the “third grade reading law” to be effective beginning with current (2017-18) school year. The purpose of this law is to ensure that all students are reading at or near grade level by the end of 3rd grade and specifies required actions for students who are one year or more below grade level in reading. You may access the full detail at this link:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2015-2016/publicact/pdf/2016-PA-0306.pdf>

Required actions:

- Within the first 30 days of school, every child in grades K-3 will be given a district reading assessment.
- Students identified as being one or more years below grade level, will have an Individual Instruction Plan for Reading. The Individual Instruction Plan will contain specific skill deficit areas that will be addressed and monitored through interventions and assessments.
- Each school will provide a Read at Home Plan for students and offer parents guidance to assist with home reading strategies.
- At the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year, 3rd grade students who do not demonstrate grade level reading proficiency on the state assessment, will be recommended for retention by the state. There are provisions in the law that allow parents and the school district to use other data to exempt students from retention.

Lake Shore Public Schools believes that given time and solid instruction, most children develop grade level reading abilities by the end of their elementary experience. The requirements of the legislation allow us to focus on building partnerships with home, especially for those students who may be experience delays in grade-level growth at a given time.

Principals will be communicating directly with their buildings, and teachers will address with parents/guardians at conferences any students that testing has indicated are more than a grade level below in reading. The conference will include an at-home reading plan and the potential for additional support including after-school tutoring.

Any questions regarding the law, or implementation at Lake Shore Public Schools, can be directed to the building principals or the district Office of Curriculum and Instruction.