



## David Douglas School District

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Dear Chair Doherty and Committee,

My name is Cleann Brewer, and I am here as a Student Achievement Specialist in the David Douglas School District, where I have been employed for the past 2 years. Previously, I was a special education teacher in the Tigard-Tualatin School District for 8 years. I am writing to express my support for the Age 3 to Grade 3 literacy initiative, which aligns families, communities and schools for children's reading success across the state of Oregon.

I would like to provide some specific examples from David Douglas that align with the goals of the 3-3 literacy initiative:

- Full day kindergarten for all students at every elementary in David Douglas School District
- Multi-tiered systems of support in reading starting in Kindergarten, using student data to guide instruction for learners who show early signs of academic struggle
- Partnerships with SUN programs to provide before and after school programs for students throughout the David Douglas School District, linking activities in the programs to School Improvement Plans and supporting educational growth for all students.

Examples of activities include using Rosetta Stone for our English Language Learners to continue their English language instruction, classes at Lincoln Park, Menlo and Gilbert Heights that target technology and practice writing skills in preparation for SBAC.

- Early Kindergarten transition programs at all elementary schools in David Douglas School District, to connect children and families to their home elementary school before starting school in the fall

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- Parent groups at Earl Boyles Elementary and Lincoln Park Elementary are conducted in Spanish and translated into English for those who do not speak Spanish

Similar to our efforts above, the 3-3 initiative recognizes that reading proficiently by third grade is one of the single greatest predictors of lifelong success. This initiative provides an important bridge between early learning and K-12 and puts in place key strategies for addressing early learning gaps. I challenge you to pass SB214. It puts students at the center of everything we do and focuses on equity in education.

Thank you for listening.

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