



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION REGARDING FALL ADMINISTRATION OF IREAD-3 DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, third grade literacy is a key predictor of students' future academic success, including high school graduation and college and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination ("IREAD-3") provides a valid, reliable, and research-based measure of students' foundational reading skills; and

WHEREAS, students' IREAD-3 results provide teachers and parents with the information necessary to ensure all students receive the targeted, individualized instruction and supports necessary to achieve literacy; and

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of statewide assessments during the 2019-2020 school year, students in grade 3 were not given an opportunity to take the IREAD-3;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, schools may elect to administer the IREAD-3 to students in grade 4 in the fall of the 2020-2021 school year to ensure students receive the targeted, individualized instruction and supports necessary to achieve literacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, results from the fall administration of the IREAD-3 may not be used to retain a student in the third grade; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, students in grade 4 who fail to achieve a passing score on the fall administration of the IREAD-3 may, but are not required to, retake the IREAD-3 in the spring;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Indiana Department of Education shall establish a fall IREAD-3 administration window during which schools may elect to have students in grade 4 complete the IREAD-3.

ADOPTED ON: July 8, 2020

B. J. Watts, Chair
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