

Item A: Primary Promise – Focus on Literacy Budget Proposal

Budget Initiative: [Primary Promise – Focus on Literacy](#)

An “acceleration of learning” initiative that allocates almost \$100 million to fund various components: various staff, professional development and coaching, evaluation, extended time (pg. 19).

Description. Beginning in 2021-2022, Primary Promise supports will extend beyond the initial 226 focus schools. Resources will be used to: Provide intensive support with a focus on foundational literacy skills and application through connected text; Schedule daily acceleration of learning instructional support; Provide targeted direct instruction to small groups each day; Use a data-driven instructional approach

Impact. The primary impact is to ensure students’ strong foundation in literacy and critical thinking, in addition to building schools’ capacity to effectively engage in cycles of improvement that result in accelerated literacy progress for all learners.

Allocation Methodology. Schools were identified using DIBELS data for kindergarten through second grade, as well as SENI ranking and Comprehensive Support and Improvement and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement