March 16, 2016

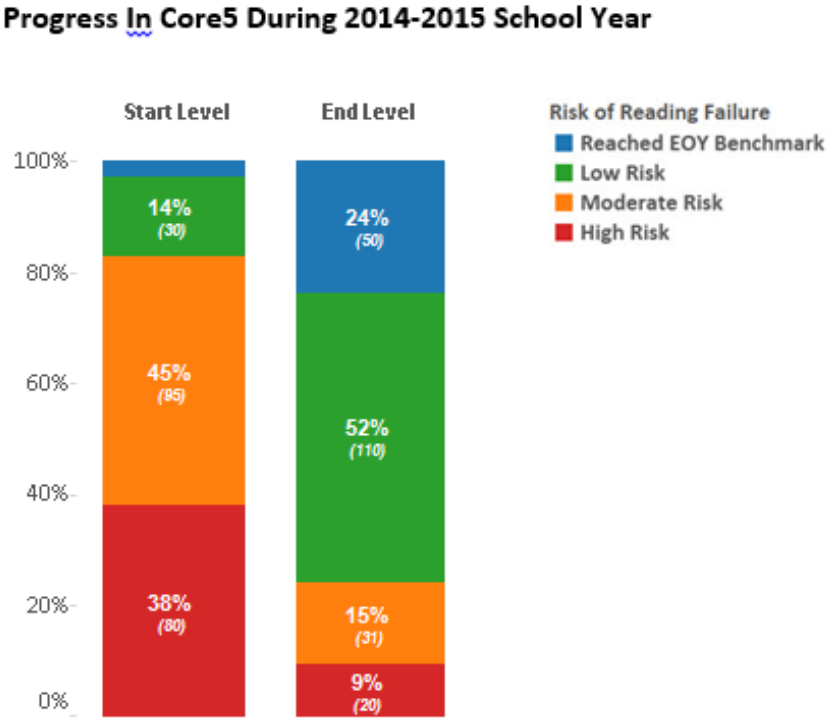
Subject: Continued Funding for Lexia Core 5

To Members of the House Education Committee:

My name is Rebecca Khosravipour, and I am the Director of Learning for the Valley Center USD 262 School District in Valley Center, Kansas. I would like to take just a few moments to ask you to please consider the continuation of funding for the Lexia Core 5 reading program.

Lexia Core 5 has made such a positive impact on the learning of our students, particularly those students who struggle the most with learning to read. The program is highly engaging and motivating for students, and it is systematic in its approach to learning. It is a solid intervention program that helps students close gaps in critical literacy skills that are inhibiting them from reading proficiently. In addition to intervention, this program is also an excellent core instructional resource that helps us ensure that our core instruction is solid and systematic in its approach to vocabulary, phonics, and comprehension.

For the past two years, we have used Lexia Core 5 as our main literacy intervention program in our K-6 buildings. During that time, our data has indicated tremendous improvements in student learning. Below is a chart showing the growth from last school year. As you can see, the program greatly supported students in attaining the skills needed to reach their end of the year benchmark goals.



Our staff has invested a significant amount of time and effort into training related to this program. We have also implemented system wide changes to our schedules that allow students to maintain the amount of time required by the program for optimal improvement. We greatly value this program and the improvement it has helped us attain for our students and cannot imagine trying to switch to a different program when we have invested so much time, energy, and money into learning to implement Lexia Core 5 with fidelity. We respectfully request that you continue to fund this program as one intervention option for schools who are already invested in the program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rebecca Khosravipour