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Framework for Continuous Literacy Improvement: Building A Comprehensive State Literacy Plan

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Presentation Outline

- 1. Designing a Plan for Continuous Literacy Improvement
- 2. Framework for Literacy Improvement
- 3. Current Literacy Initiatives and Support
- 4. Literacy Framework Timeline

Designing a Plan for Continuous Literacy Improvement

- Standards-aligned Instruction Grounded in the Science of Reading (SoR)
- Intervention and Assessments
- Data Collection and Monitoring
- Professional Learning and Practice
- Leadership (Professional Development for Teachers, Leaders and Coaches)
- Supporting Future Educators, Collaboration with Educator Preparation Programs
- Family and Community Engagement



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Essential Components for Literacy Improvement



Current Literacy Initiatives and Support

- Professional Learning: Literacy Learning Labs
- Maryland Leads Grant Initiative: Science of Reading High Leverage Strategy
 - Provide training directly to all K-3 teachers, including special education teachers, principals, and other relevant staff
 - Identify and implement high-quality, content-rich instructional materials and assessment tools aligned to the science of reading
 - Create systems for progress monitoring to ensure all students are reading by the end of third grade and have the appropriate supports
 - o Science of Reading Community of Practice
- Literacy Expert Instructional Support Teams & Implementation of Statewide Coaching Model
- Local Education Agency (LEA) Comprehensive Literacy Plans
- Literacy Parent Engagement Nights (Virtual, Winter and Spring)
- Monthly collaborative meetings and on-going Office Hours with Reading Supervisors/Directors

