

Adopted Amendments to Version 4 of the Comprehensive Literacy Policy

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Adopted Amendment (Page 15 – Section: D.3.b and D.3.b.v)

Section D.3.b

If a student is not designated for promotion to 4th grade, the notification must inform the parent/guardian of the process **AND OPTIONS**, which includes:

Section D.3.b.v

v. A document that captures the parent or guardians' final decision **REGARDING THE OPTIONS** to:

- a) Consent to the designation of retention in 3rd grade, or
- b) Choose 4th-grade promotion and consent to their student enrolling and participating in a supplemental reading support program provided by the LEA and approved by MSDE at no cost to the parent or guardian.

Adopted Amendment (Page 15: Section D.3.b.iii)

Section D.3.b.iii

iii. An explanation of the **POTENTIAL** risks **AND BENEFITS** of **BOTH** promotion and retention for a child who does not demonstrate reading proficiency by the end of 3rd grade.

Adopted Amendment (Page 10: Section B.5.b)

Section B.5.b

b. Additional diagnostic tools should be identified and administered **INCLUDING INFORMAL CURRICULUM BASED MEASURES,** to support teachers with targeting instruction based on student needs.