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Dear Parents / Guardians of:

On Tuesday, March 10 your child completed the grade three Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment. Your child was required to complete this assessment as part of the Ohio Department of Education mandate regarding the (TGRG) Third Grade Reading Guarantee. The TGRG was initially implemented in Ohio at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. With the start of the 2013-2014 school year the TGRG states that third grade students who have been identified as Not on Track and have not met the promotion requirement in Reading must repeat third grade.

To be identified as On Track in Reading a student must meet one of the following requirements: (1) Score at or above 683 on Ohio's combined ELA/Reading Assessment. (2) Score at or above the sub score of 46 on the Reading part of Ohio's ELA/Reading Assessment. (3) Score at or above 615 on the grade three Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment in March, May or June. Students who do not meet at least one of these requirements must repeat third grade. At this time your child has not met the TGRG promotion requirement.

On Friday, March 27, Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 197 into law. House Bill 197 addresses the COVID-19 public health crisis. This bill contains education legislation that directly impacts your child.

The bill: Prohibits the retention of students under the third-grade reading guarantee based solely on the student's academic performance in reading during the 2019-2020 school year unless the student's principal and teacher agree the student is reading below grade level and is not prepared to be promoted to fourth grade.

_____ Based on House Bill 197 your child's teachers have determined that your child will be promoted to fourth grade for the 2020-2021 school year.

_____ Based on House Bill 197 your child's teachers have determined that your child will be retained in third grade for the 2020-2021 school year.

If you should have any questions you can contact me by e-mail at: [larry.rudloff @omeresanet.net](mailto:larry.rudloff@omeresanet.net)

Sincerely,
Larry Rudloff
Guidance Counselor

