

# Southern Local School District

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March 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of grade three students who attend Southern Local Elementary School.

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. Students complete Ohio's ELA assessment in October, March and July. (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.

I am sending you a copy of your child's Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment results. These results are yours to keep for your records. This was your child's first opportunity to complete an Alternative Reading Assessment.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your child scored at or above the required ODE Scale Score of 615 on the grade three Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment that was completed on March 10. Your child has met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion/retention requirement and is now identified as On Track in Reading.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your child has not reached the score of 683 or higher on Ohio's combined ELA/Reading Assessment or 46 or higher on the Reading part of Ohio's ELA/Reading Assessment or 615 or higher on the Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment. Under the guidelines of Third Grade Reading Guarantee your child qualifies for a retention exemption. The retention exemption that qualifies your child to be promoted to fourth grade is based on your child's IEP which specifically exempts your child from retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee or the fact that your child has previously been retained in kindergarten, first, second or third grade.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your child scored below the required ODE scale score of 615 on the grade three Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment that was completed on March 10. Your child has not yet met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion requirement of being On Track in Reading and is in danger of having to repeat grade three during the 2020-2021 school year. Your child will have a second opportunity to complete the Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment on Tuesday, May 12.

If you should have any questions regarding the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirements please call me at your convenience.

Sincerely,  
Larry Rudloff  
Guidance Counselor

