



# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

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Dear Parents,

This letter is to provide you with information on Arizona's Move On When Reading law, the importance it places on your child's ability to read at grade level, and the impact this law has on third grade promotion and retention.

Arizona Revised Statute §15-701 states that if data on the third grade statewide reading assessment is available and demonstrates that a student scored "falls far below" the student shall not be promoted from the third grade.

There are two exemptions from ARS §15-701.

In accordance with the new law, a school district governing board or the governing body of a charter school is allowed to promote a student who earns a score of "falls far below" on the third grade statewide reading assessment only for the following reasons:

- The student is an English Language Learner or Limited English Proficient who has received less than two years of English instruction; or
- A student with disabilities has an individualized education plan(IEP), and the IEP-team, which includes the student's parent/guardian, agrees that promotion is appropriate

The law can be found at the following website: <http://www.azleg.gov/ars/15/00701.htm>

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 480-821-1404 or [spatterson@bbschl.com](mailto:spatterson@bbschl.com).

Sincerely,

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