

READ TO ACHIEVE RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Gates County Board of Education supports all third grade students being proficient in reading; and

Whereas, the board supports the optional use of the portfolio as a formative assessment measure and a good cause exemption; and

Whereas, the board supports the Comprehensive Reading Plan; and

Whereas, the board is concerned however, that the current *Read to Achieve* legislation contains no component which allows consideration of a child's individual growth in reading to be considered in whether or not to retain said child; and

Whereas, the board is concerned at the increased burden on teachers, students and families during the third grade year necessitated by the *Read to Achieve* legislation placing all its testing focus on this grade level as third grade is already the first year children take the EOG tests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Gates County Board of Education:


That the Board of Education declares concern about the under-funded mandate of Summer Reading Camp.

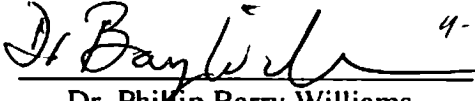
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the components of the *Read to Achieve* legislation should be applied earlier in a student's reading development, and the requirements stretched out over a longer period.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that *Read to Achieve* does not take into consideration the developmental needs of individual students and places no emphasis on the amount an individual child grew in reading during the year.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that *Read to Achieve* takes away the autonomy of teachers to differentiate instruction to meet the individualized needs of their students, particularly with regard to retention.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education requests a stay on Summer Reading Camp and continues with local policy and procedures for retention and promotion until the above issues can be addressed.


G. Douglas Lilley
Board Chairman


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Superintendent