

I believe that reading initiative positions should be added back into the budget to support reading instruction in Kindergarten through second grade. These positions should be used for smaller class sizes for reading sections, as well as smaller class sizes for an entire grade, depending on the needs and data for the school. Therefore, I would like to offer the following resolution as amendments to the superintendent's recommended budget:

Resolved, that the Board of Education amend the superintendent's recommended budget by adding 35.5 FTE's for reading initiative teachers in kindergarten through second grade, for a total of \$2,475,915, (two million, four hundred and seventy five thousand, nine hundred and fifteen dollars) which encompasses \$1,855,869 (one million eight hundred and fifty five thousand, eight hundred and sixty nine dollars) for salaries and \$620,046 (six hundred and twenty thousand and forty six dollars) for benefits; and be it further

Resolved, that the superintendent provide the Board of Education with a summary of how the reading initiative positions are allocated, his plans for how these positions will be used, as well as how he plans to monitor the impact of the positions.