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Subject: Statewide Kansas Reading Success Program

The purpose of this letter is to inform school districts of new online reading resources that are available to students, parents, and teachers beginning October 5, 2015. Recent legislation and state funding made resources available for the adoption of a **Statewide Kansas Reading Success Program** to provide academic support to help ensure achievement on grade level in reading.

Thanks to state funding, all Kansas public school students in grades pre-K through 8 will have free access to **Istation Reading** at school and at home. Chosen through a competitive bid process, **Istation Reading** will be available this school year through June 30, 2016. Istation Reading provides Pre-K through 8th grade students and teachers:

- **Adaptive Curriculum:** Students get the individualized instruction they need, when they need it.
- **Formative Assessments:** Nationally-normed Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP™) are computer adaptive-assessments that automatically screen and progress monitor an entire class in about 30 minutes.
- **Teacher Led Lessons:** More than 2,500 lesson plans and automated tools support diverse instructional approaches to help customize instruction and save teachers time.
- **Enhanced School and Home Connection:** Access to Istation Home extends learning beyond the classroom with 24/7 access to easy-to-use home instruction.
- **Personalized Data Profiles:** Real-time reporting provides formative data to guide instructional decision-making and intervention strategies.
- **Parents and Home Portal:** Reports and resources are available to parents regarding student participation via a home portal.
- **Professional Development and Support:** Training will be provided throughout the state at various locations and through numerous on-line webinars throughout the school year.

For additional information about Istation Reading, to sign up for informational webinars and to sign up for this resource, visit www.Istation.com/KansasReadingSuccess

Sincerely,

Dr. Randy Watson
Kansas Commissioner of Education