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Re: Arizona's Move on When Reading law

We believe that most school districts and charter schools have followed the annual written notification requirements to parents under A.R.S. § 15-701(B). By so doing, school districts and charter schools will have identified and worked with students to improve their reading proficiency. Additionally, following these practices will minimize disruption and avoid surprise for third grade students who do not meet the required score on the reading portion of the AzMERIT assessment. SBE understands that the release of AzMERIT scores after the close of the school year creates difficulties for schools with respect to the promotion of third grade students. SBE has received assurances from ADE to work with the AzMERIT vendor and is encouraged that the results of the Spring 2017 administration of AzMERIT will be released to school districts and charter schools *before* the end of the next academic school year.

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