



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent
"Educating Georgia's Future"

Dr. Sabrina Boykins-Everett, Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Boykins-Everett and representatives of Footsteps2Brilliance:

I am writing to commend you on your partnership and the transformative work you are doing to get Georgia students reading. The opportunity for students to access books right where they are, through their digital devices – along with Dr. Boykins-Everett's charge to the district and community to read one million words by the last day of school in 2017 – should bring pride to the entire Thomasville community.

It is incredibly important for students to read proficiently by third grade, and providing *access* to books is an essential piece of that puzzle. This is something that continues to be a major focus for us at the state level, and I commend you on the work you are doing in your community.

I wish I could celebrate with you on April 13, but I know you will have a wonderful event. Thank you again for all you're doing on behalf of Georgia's students!

Sincerely,

Richard Woods

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State School Superintendent