Barnes County North Public School District #007

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To Whom It May Concern and the 66th Legislative Education Committee:

As you navigate making decisions regarding funds at the 66th Legislative Session, we at Barnes County North Public School District #007, highly recommend providing funds in support of North Dakota K-3 Reading Corps, bill #2219. We have implemented the program this year with tremendous results.

BCN Elementary implemented the NDMTSS (North Dakota Multi-Tiered System of Supports) this year after being trained last year. Our goal is to provide interventions during the early childhood years of learning to eliminate the need for interventions in the upper grades when it's harder to get them on track. As part of our NDMTSS Reading Pathway, we were confident in the Reading Corps program to meet the needs of our Tier two students.

After utilizing Reading Corps for two quarters during the 2020-2021 academic year two students have qualified to exit the program and we are still serving an additional ten students who are showing growth within the program, on our District benchmark assessments, and application in their classrooms.

To be able to see that type of growth by using the grant will give us data to present to our School Board for future approval. We have our Reading Corps Coach (BCN's Instructional Coach) present data to the Board following each quarter. We have their support for program implementation and now we need yours!

Thank you again,

Danielle Bosse Barnes County North Elementary Principal