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Dear Parent/Guardians,

This letter is to notify you that your child qualifies for a state reading scholarship. Please visit the following website to apply: <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/for-parents/reading-scholarship/how-the-scholarship-works/>.

For the 2020-21 school year, students will be eligible for Reading Scholarship Accounts of a \$500 stipend to cover an array of reading remediation supports (including district-run programs) if they fall into one or all of the following priority-ordered categories:

- Students in grades 3 through 5 who are enrolled in a Florida public school and scored a Level 1 or 2 on their most recent Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)-ELA, or in 2019-20 were identified with a substantial deficiency in reading based on their most recent available screening and progress monitoring assessment, and are classified as an English Language Learner (ELL) enrolled in a program or receiving services that are specifically designed to meet the instructional needs of ELL students;
- Students in grades 3 through 5 who are enrolled in a Florida public school and scored a Level 1 or 2 on their most recent FSA-ELA or in 2019-20 were identified with a substantial deficiency in reading based on their most recent available screening and progress monitoring assessment;

Parents of students who meet any of the above requirements may apply using the above link for the Step Up For Students website. Parents who have additional questions may email [reading@sufs.org](mailto:reading@sufs.org), or call 877-735-7837.

Thank you,

Kristi Simpkins  
Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

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