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NEWS RELEASE

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Regional Meetings for Parents: Strategies to Improve Reading for K-3 Students

JACKSON, Miss – The Mississippi Department of Education announced today a series of regional meetings across the state for parents of students in kindergarten through grade 3. At the meetings, parents will receive an overview of the state law concerning literacy and assessment, as well as strategies that can be used at home to help student improve their reading skills.

The state law, known as the Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA), focuses on prevention and intervention to help children develop the reading skills required for 4th grade. The law requires 3rd grade students to meet reading standards by the end of the school year to be promoted to 4th grade.

The Literacy-Based Promotion Act has made reading instruction a major focus of kindergarten through 3rd grade. Throughout the school year, teachers provide intensive reading instruction to students reading below grade level. Parent involvement is also critical to students' success.

Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, 3rd grade students must score at level 3 or higher on the reading portion of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) English Language Arts test qualify for promotion to 4th grade.

Parent resources in English and Spanish are available at: strongreadersms.com/resources

Session times are the same at all locations: 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

No registration is required

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, October 4, 2018	Meridian	MSU Kahlmus Auditorium 1000 Hwy 19 N Meridian, MS 39307
Tuesday, October 9, 2018	Oxford	Oxford Conference Center 102 Ed Perry Blvd. Oxford, MS 38655



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Wednesday, October 10, 2018	Hattiesburg	Lowery A. Woodall Advanced Technology Center 906 Sullivan Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Thursday, October 11, 2018	Jackson (South)	Bates Elementary School 3180 McDowell Rd Ext. Jackson, MS 39204
Thursday, October 11, 2018	Jackson (North)	McWillie Elementary School 4851 McWillie Circle Jackson, MS 39206
Monday, October 15, 2018	Natchez	Adams County Safe Room 323 Liberty Rd Natchez, MS 39120
Tuesday, October 16, 2018	Cleveland	Delta State University Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni House Hwy 8 West Cleveland, MS 38733

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