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# EARLY INTERVENTION READING INITIATIVE

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Attachment A to Informational Memo No. 114

## Superintendent's Certification

**This form needs to be returned to the Department no later than July 1, 2000**

**Attention: Linda Poorbaugh  
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This division plans to participate in the Early Intervention Reading Initiative and will ensure that the following conditions are met during the implementation of the Initiative:

1. The required local match has been met to qualify for funding for the grade level sequence selected for 2000-2001.
2. The state diagnostic tool (PALS) will be administered to all children in the designated grades in the fall.
3. All of the children identified by the diagnostic tools will be served.
4. The children served will be provided instruction on the skills in which they have been identified as deficit during time that is **additional to the regular classroom reading time**. (This may be during the school day, summer school or outside of the school day.) Funding is based on the cost of providing two and one-half hours of additional instruction each week and a student to teacher ratio of five to one.
5. The state diagnostic tool (PALS) will be administered to all children receiving services in the designated grade in the spring.
6. Both fall and spring screening results will be reported to the PALS office at UVA.
7. The expanded Early Intervention Reading Initiative is being phased in by allowing local flexibility in 2000-2001 with the understanding that full implementation in kindergarten through third grade will be required in 2001-2002.

For the 2000-2001 school year, my division plans to implement this initiative in the following grade levels (check all that apply):

Kindergarten     First Grade     Second Grade     Third Grade

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Division Superintendent

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Date

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