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## EARLY INTERVENTION READING INITIATIVE

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### Superintendent's Certification for School Year 2006-2007

**This form must be returned to the Department of Education no later than June 30, 2006.**

**Attention: Ginna Glover  
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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 in kindergarten through third grade for 2006-2007.
2. An approved diagnostic screening tool will be administered:
  - (a) In fall 2006 to all children in kindergarten, and any children in grade one, grade two, and grade three who have received intervention services during the summer or are new to Virginia public schools.
  - (b) In spring 2007 to children in kindergarten, grade one, and grade two who have not met the "high benchmark score." Screening students in third grade is optional because of Standards of Learning testing.
  - (c) For LEAs that did not participate in the initiative in the previous year, in fall of 2006 to children in kindergarten, grade one, grade two, and grade three.
3. All children identified by the screening tools will be served.
4. The children served will be provided instruction on individual skills that are below the benchmarks as indicated by the diagnostic tool. This instruction should take place during time that is **additional to the regular classroom reading time**. (This may be during the school day or outside of the school day.) Funding is based on the cost of providing two and one-half hours of additional instruction each week at a student-to-teacher ratio of five-to-one.
5. All PALS screening results will be reported to the PALS office at UVA.
6. Each participating school in the division will develop an intervention plan for students in kindergarten through third grade who do not meet the benchmark on PALS or its equivalent. The plan will specify the number of hours of intervention, the skills to be targeted, and who provides the services.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, my division plans to implement this initiative for the 2006-2007 school year and will be using PALS.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, my division plans to implement this initiative for the 2006-2007 school year and will request to use a local diagnostic test to be approved by the Department of Education. The request approved by the local school board is attached.

\_\_\_\_ No, my division does not want to implement this initiative for the 2006-2007 school year.

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

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Division Superintendent/ or Designee

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Date

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School Division