



Rhode Island Reads: The Campaign for 3rd Grade Reading

December 15, 2020

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

[Public Zoom Link](#)

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Welcome and Opening Remarks 9:30

Cortney Nicolato, United Way of Rhode Island
Elizabeth Burke Bryant, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

Rhode Island's 3rd Grade Reading Goal in the Current Context 9:40

Video Message from Governor Gina M. Raimondo
Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner of RI Department of Education
Womazetta Jones, Secretary of RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Start with Equity: From the Early Years to the Early Grades 9:55

A Report of the Children's Equity Project and Bipartisan Policy Center

Shantel Meek, Ph.D., Professor of Practice & Director for Policy,
and Founding Director of Children's Equity Project, Arizona State University

Data, Research, and an Actionable Child Equity Policy Agenda

- Reducing Harsh Discipline
- Expanding Inclusive Learning Opportunities
- Promoting Multilingual Learning

RI Reads Partner Panel & Discussion 10:35

Moderators: Larry Warner, UWRI & Leanne Barrett, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

- **Parents as Teachers/Family Home Visiting:** Jocelyn Rivera, parent and Certified Parent Educator, Connecting for Children and Families
- **Summer Learning & Families:** Careena Robertson, parent, Cranston Summer Learning Program
- **Aligning the Early Years/Early Grades: Policy Recommendations:** Celeste Bowler, Assistant Superintendent, East Providence Public Schools & Co-Chair of Early Years/Early Grades Alignment Work Group of the RI Early Learning Council

- **Early Literacy and District/Community Partnerships:** Colleen Jermain, Superintendent, Newport Public Schools
- **Birth to 5 Early Care and Education Strategic Plan:** Kayla Rosen, Governor's Early Childhood Strategy Director

Call to Action

11:15

Paige Clausius-Parks, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

Closing

11:25

Cortney Nicolato, United Way of Rhode Island

Equity Consideration for Policymakers & Practitioners - 3rd Grade Reading Goal (LINK)

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