Children who read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade are more likely to graduate from high school & to be economically successful in adulthood.

NAEP
The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the national yardstick for assessing reading proficiency.

2013 RESULTS INDICATE:
1 OUT OF 3 4TH-GRADE STUDENTS IN NY STATE READ AT A PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED LEVEL.

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A 33% POINT DIFFERENCE SHOWS THE LARGEST GAP

CAMPAIGN FOR GRADE LEVEL READING

4 STEPS TO READING SUCCESS

1. FAMILY LITERACY
   Parenting programs help families learn ways to build their children’s literacy skills.

2. SCHOOL READINESS
   Quality early learning programs increase children’s ability to succeed.

3. GOOD ATTENDANCE
   Identify ways to engage students and families to improve school attendance.

4. SUMMER LEARNING
   Summer learning opportunities help children maintain the academic gains they made during the school year.

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