

Dear K-3 Parents,

This letter is to provide you with information on Arizona's *Move on When Reading*

four exemptions to retention in AR school district governing board or the governing body of a charter school to promote a student who fails to meet the cut score on the 3rd grade AzMERIT exam for any of the four following reasons:

- (i) A third grade student is an English Language Learner Proficient and has received fewer than two years
- (ii) A third grade student with disabilities has an individualized education plan (IEP), and the IEP team, which includes the student, agrees that promotion is appropriate; or
- (iii) A third grade student is in the process of a special education referral or evaluation for placement in special education and/or students that have been diagnosed as having a significant reading impairment, including dyslexia; or
- (iv) A third grade student has demonstrated or subsequently demonstrates sufficient reading skills or adequate progress towards sufficient reading skills of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading standards as evidenced through a collection of reading assessments approved by the State Board.

Additional information about Arizona's *Move on When Reading* legislation can be obtained at [www.azed.gov/mowr](http://www.azed.gov/mowr). If you have questions or need information please contact your child's teacher or principal.