



# REGIONAL IMPACT REPORT

## 2016-17: South Carolina

### By the numbers



**832**  
students served



**98%**  
free/reduced price  
lunch students\*



**853**  
community  
volunteers



**30,473**  
tutoring sessions



**17**  
partner schools

\*FRL percentage calculated using 2015-16 student-level data



### Student performance

*Reading Partners student results are very impressive overall and our youngest students continue to show exceptional progress during the critical early years.*

All Reading Partners students

**93%**

met or exceeded their primary end-of-year literacy growth goal.



K-2 Reading Partners students



**98%**

mastered key foundational reading skills\* needed to read at grade level.

\*We track growth in the key foundational literacy skills students need to become independent readers, such as alphabetic principle, phonics and vocabulary.

### Program recognition

PRINCIPALS

**92%**

report improved school-wide reading progress\*

TEACHERS

**99%**

report Reading Partners is valuable to their school\*

VOLUNTEERS

**94%**

are satisfied with their experience\*

\*Among respondents of 2016-17 surveys



Gold-standard research found Reading Partners' program had a positive and statistically significant impact on student reading proficiency, leading to acceptance into the Institute of Education Sciences What Works Clearinghouse.



A leading national education research firm found that students served by Reading Partners (and particularly English Language Learners) showed significantly greater improvement in their literacy skills than comparison students not served by the program.