Delivering results in the face of challenges posed by COVID-19

The 2019-20 school year was unlike any other in our history due to the disruptions caused by the global health pandemic. As a result, the report below shows the progress made while students were in school as well as the student support innovations implemented after stay-in-place orders were issued.

AUGUST 2019 – EARLY MARCH 2020: *Progress made while students were in school*

**Student performance (based on mid-year assessments)**

Despite a significantly shorter school year, Reading Partners students showed impressive gains in foundational reading skills.

- **67%** of all Reading Partners students were meeting or exceeding their primary literacy growth goal.
- **72%** of K-2 Reading Partners students were developing mastery of key foundational reading skills needed to read at grade level.

**By the numbers (through March 2020)**

- **903** students served
- **1,195** community tutors
- **89%** students experiencing economic disadvantages
- **22** partner schools
- **26** average sessions per student

*Economically disadvantaged percentage calculated using 2018-19 school-level poverty data.

**Program highlights (based on 2018-19 and 2019-2020 survey respondents)**

- **82%** of PRINCIPALS reported improved school-wide reading progress.
- **100%** of TEACHERS reported Reading Partners is valuable to their school.
- **95%** of VOLUNTEERS were satisfied with their volunteer experience.

MID-MARCH – JUNE 2020: *Student support innovations*

Reading Partners rapidly implemented the following literacy supports selectively in regions across the country to ensure students could continue making progress toward reading on grade level.

- **“Take reading with you” book distribution for students**
- **Digital library platform with free access to high-quality books**
- **Live virtual read alouds available to all students**
- **Literacy skill videos using research-based curriculum materials**
- **Individualized reading plan skill videos customized for specific students**
- **Recorded “anytime” read aloud videos featuring high-quality diverse texts**
- **Family texting program in partnership with Bright by Text**
- **Family literacy resources designed in English and Spanish**
- **Piloted Reading Partners online tutoring model**

An evidence-based program that gets results

Multiple independent studies of Reading Partners show significant impacts on student literacy skills and emerging evidence suggests positive outcomes on social-emotional learning.