

Dear Families,

This school year, we have partnered with **Amira Learning** to provide personalized, research-based reading support designed to help every child grow as a reader.

Students will regularly read out loud to Amira and receive in-the-moment feedback that reinforces fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and other essential reading skills. Amira listens to help teachers better understand each student's progress, enabling teachers to tailor reading instruction.

As part of the program, your child will:

- Read out loud to Amira through interactive, guided practice
- Complete periodic oral reading assessments that help measure progress
- Receive tailored tutoring shaped by observation of specific reading gaps.

Why Amira? Amira is the only reading intervention recognized by both the What Works Clearinghouse and Evidence for ESSA for producing significant gains on reading outcomes. In multiple studies conducted by leading universities and State Departments of Education, students reading with Amira grew 25%+ faster. Amira is a Time Magazine Invention of the Year. The software has been reviewed and approved by dozens of State Education Departments across the nation.

Amira is intelligent software developed at Carnegie Mellon University. Amira is not a chatbot. Amira does not respond to general questions, browse the internet, or generate open-ended content. The software deploys a carefully designed set of skill-building exercises based on the Science of Reading. Everything students hear—from the questions Amira asks to feedback on reading struggle—has been reviewed by literacy experts and educators. Students read with Amira just a few minutes at a time and the time is spent actively reading.

Amira is designed with student safety and privacy at its core. Student information is handled in accordance with the district's privacy requirements. Data is used strictly for educational purposes and collected with the consent and oversight of your school district, in compliance with federal law (FERPA).

Improving literacy is one of the District's most important priorities: Amira helps students learn to read, is proven safe and works in harmony with teachers.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or to learn more about how Amira supports reading development.

Sincerely,

