

## Memo

Subject: Istation and i-Ready Monthly Growth

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Board of Trustees:

As requested, I have attached monthly growth check data from Istation, our district wide reading platform, and Iready, our district wide math platform. It is important to note that most students will complete these each month, but they are recommended, not required. Therefore, a data set will vary depending upon when it is pulled and whether a studentReady has completed the growth check that month. Below is a quick overview of each growth check as defined by our providers.

Istation is an internet-based reading intervention program for students in grades pre-K through 12. Istation is made of four easy-to-use components that work together to help students achieve success in reading.

- 1. Assessments Identify Areas in Need of Improvement. Students' skills are assessed and monitored throughout the year using Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP™), a fast, online assessment. The assessment determines where students have weaknesses in the critical areas of reading.
- 2. Individual Instruction is Delivered in a Fun, Animated Format. Based on assessment results, students then receive instruction based on their individual needs through Istation's online interactive curriculum. The interactive reading curriculum provides instruction and practice in all of the critical reading areas.
- 3. Student Improvement is Monitored Closely. Student performance reports are automatically created and shared with teachers and administrators. These reports make recommendations for the teacher to provide lessons to students in small groups.

The i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your student's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions

*i-Ready* Growth Monitoring Growth Checks are short, adaptive assessments used to take a "temperature check" between Diagnostics to determine end-of-year-growth projections and the likelihood that students will meet their end-of-year-growth measures. End-of-year-growth projections appear after the student has completed three of any combination of Diagnostics and Growth Monitoring assessments in three different months. Data from Growth Monitoring can be used to prioritize students who may need additional intervention and support.