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Statement from Great Lakes Education Project *In response to release of Third Grade Reading Workgroup Report*

“As the earliest proponent of improving early literacy, GLEP is pleased with the workgroup report released today. This report outlines a comprehensive and balanced approach to improving early reading proficiency and recommends an appropriate combination of screening, tutoring, mentoring and intervention in order to get the right help to the right students at the right time,” said Gary Naeyaert, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP).

“We look forward to working with the legislature on passing bills to put an effective K-3 Reading Program in place for all students in the state. With leadership from Governor Snyder, bi-partisan legislative consensus and \$100 million in new resources to address at-risk students and early literacy in the FY '16 School Aid Budget, we believe the legislature should be able to come to a speedy resolution to this policy challenge,” Naeyaert continued.

GLEP acknowledged the participation of all workgroup members, including John Kennedy as Chair; legislators Sen. Phil Pavlov (R-St. Clair), Sen. Goeff Hansen (R-Hart), Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Romulus); Rep. Amanda Price (R-Park Twp); Rep. Tim Kelly (R-Saginaw Twp); Rep. Adam Zemke (D-Ann Arbor); and the following staff from the Executive Office: John Roberts, Robbie Jameson, Darin Ackerman, Karen McPhee and Tyler Sawher.

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