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MEMORANDUM FOR AREA DEPUTY DIRECTORS
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SUBJECT: Clarification of Entering Data for the Grade Three Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)

Since the beginning of the current Community Strategic Plan, schools have been asked to report every 3rd grade student's reading performance level on a second reading assessment. This year, schools are asked to report the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) in SMS. The deadline for reporting this information in SMS is June 15 of each year.

For the final year of the current Community Strategic Plan, entering a *DRA level of 34 or 38* into the SMS database for SY05-06 will automatically translate into a Performance of Level of "At the Standard." In order to determine mastery at a DRA level, the student must score at 94 percent or higher on accuracy and score 16 or higher on comprehension.

Performance Level	<i>DRA Level</i>
Above the Standard	<i>40 and higher</i>
At the Standard	<i>34, 38</i>
Partially Met the Standard	<i>28, 30</i>
Below the Standard	<i>24 and lower</i>

For SY05-06, only the DRA level will be entered in as data into SMS. Please retain a written copy of the DRA results for each tested child so they can be entered into the SMS database at a later date. Further instruction of the use of SMS data entry for the DRA will follow as soon as it is available.

Please address any questions to Charlene Charles, who may be reached by email or phone at DSN 338-7205.

"Original Signed"

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