



### Invest Early: Early Literacy

#### WHY INVEST HERE:

- \$6.8M in strategic investments in DPS' **Early Literacy Strategy** which is based on research and best practice from around the nation
  - Students who are able to read by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are **4 times more likely to graduate** than students who cannot.
  - Only half (52%) of DPS 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were reading at or above grade level in SY 2014-15

#### WHAT IS THE INVESTMENT:

- Over **2,500 ECE-3<sup>rd</sup> grade educators**, including teachers, school leaders, and paraprofessionals, will **build their expertise in literacy instruction**
- **Struggling readers will receive additional supports** with \$2M invested in evidence-based interventions