## LITERACY IS A RIGHT JOIN THE FIGHT



LITERACY IS A
FUNDAMENTAL
RIGHT THAT HAS
FOR TOO LONG
BEEN DENIED
FOR TOO MANY

- The MS Legislature mandated that every child must learn to read on grade level by the 3rd grade
- The MS Legislature mandated that it is the duty of schools to educate each child to read on grade level by the 3rd grade
- Therefore, each child has the *right* to learn to read and to read to learn by the 3rd grade
- All parents and guardians have the right to fight for their children to receive the literacy interventions and supports to which their children are mandated to receive under the law
- All language arts teachers and administrators are entitled to literacy training and supports under the law to enable them to teach literacy to their students
- Therefore, the legislature must fund our schools to the extent necessary to ensure on-grade literacy for every child as mandated by the law
- All education stakeholders must work together to make this happen

IF NOT US, THEN WHO?