

Early literacy budget amendment explanation:

VDOE Support

- \$140,000 recurring for a position at the VDOE to coordinate initiative, PD, etc

New literacy curriculum adopted by schools

- \$36.9M for state share of curriculum. Local share can be paid for with local ESSER funds. Based on \$3,000/teacher estimate, with a 55/45 state/local split.

Materials for parents

- \$250k to work with university to develop and post online

Reading specialist training

- \$300K to work with university to develop and deliver microcredential (supported by new VDOE staff member and will provide ongoing training)

Literacy Coaching support

- \$1.2M for regional literacy coaches to be coordinated by new VDOE staff (9 positions total, ongoing expense);
- \$300K to develop training resources for divisions to provide literacy coaching (this is new to the list since our previous estimate)

Teacher training

- \$6.6M in the second year (\$50K per division) for professional development support for local divisions with priority given to lowest performing schools. Any PD paid for with this money shall be from the approved VDOE lists.

Reading Specialists

- \$31.5M per year for 1 reading specialist per 850 students in grades K-5.