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FAMILIES AND EDUCATION LEVY APPROVED PROVIDER OVERVIEW

Organization Name: **Reading Partners**

Website: **readingpartners.org**

RFQ Area Approved (select all applicable):

College and Career Readiness

Expanded Learning Opportunities

Elementary Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Family Support

Middle and High School Social, Emotional, and Behavioral

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

(Check all applicable)

Seattle Area(s) Served:

Northeast

Northwest

Central

Southeast

Southwest

Grades Served:

Elementary (K-5)

Middle (6-8)

High (9-12)

Special Populations Served:

English Language Learners

Special Education

Other

Please specify:

Areas of Support:

Math/Science

Reading/Writing

Attendance

College/Career

Language Acquisition

Passing Core Courses

Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Family Support

Service Delivery:

Before School

After School

During School

Weekends

School Breaks

Current Levy-Funded School Partners (if applicable): Sanislo Elementary, Olympic Hills Elementary, Highland Park Elementary

Key Program Strategies (Please provide a brief overview of program strategies including number of students served and program costs):

Reading Partners recruits and trains community volunteers to work with students using proven support strategies. At each school site, Reading Partners transforms a dedicated space into a fully stocked reading center through which 40-100 volunteer tutors cycle each week. Our student-tutor pairs work together for 45 minutes twice a week, following an Individualized Reading Plan tailored to that student's particular needs and strengths. To execute the plan, tutors use a structured and research-validated curriculum. We assess students throughout the year to monitor their progress towards pre-established achievement goals and to help advise tutors on how to best support their student. With close oversight and assistance from senior staff, a trained Site Coordinator is stationed at each site to provide daily coaching to volunteers and to serve as a liaison to teachers and school staff. Reading Partners complements in-school tutoring with home involvement strategies like the Take Reading Home program, which provides free age- and skill-appropriate reading materials for students to start home libraries. In 2014-15, Reading Partners served over 100 students in the Seattle area. In 2014-15, the program cost to each Levy school for the program was \$20,000. In 2015-16, Reading Partners plans to serve nearly 200 students in the Seattle area.

Results Achieved (Bullets or Brief Description):

Reading Partners has a strong track record of results and in 2013-14 Reading Partners served 7,200 students nationally. 2014-15 marked Reading Partners first year in Seattle. Nationally, nearly three in four (73%) Reading Partners target students finished the year closer to their target grade level, thereby narrowing the achievement gap to their on-grade level peers. Moreover, 89% of students accelerated their rate of learning. To understand this achievement, consider that before enrollment, Reading Partners students were gaining an average of only 0.6 months of reading skills for every month in the classroom. With the supplementary instruction Reading Partners provides, students ended the year gaining an average of 1.6 months of reading skills per month, more than doubling their rate of learning. Reading Partners is proud that these measures of improvement have been very consistent for the past five years even while we have grown from 24 schools in 2009-10 to 141 schools in 2013-14.

Additional Notes: