



## **Sustain current funding of Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) and Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI)**

The Alabama Reading Initiative and the Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiatives are not only nationally but internationally recognized programs that have improved student achievement dramatically over the last decade. These programs have been at the center of moving our state's overall ranking in providing quality education from near the bottom of all states to the middle. The Reading Initiative is now in every k-3 school in Alabama and needs to be expanded to higher grades. The Math, Science, and Technology Initiative has not grown to reach all schools.

Alabama cannot afford to lose ground in providing students these important programs that support student achievement. If Alabama expects to have "college and career ready" high school graduates we must sustain funding for ARI and AMSTI.