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Dear Friend of Success for All,

The 2024 **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** showed a continued decline in reading scores across the nation with just 31% of 4th graders scoring proficient on the reading assessment - **a two point decline since 2022**. Among economically disadvantaged students, just 19% scored proficient. These results confirm what we already know: too many children struggle to read and achievement gaps continue to widen.

While these numbers are concerning, there's reason for hope.

Last week, I was surrounded by hundreds of educators at our annual **Success for All (SFA) Foundation conference**. These teachers and administrators – **from rural public schools in Texas, charter schools in Miami, Detroit, and New Orleans, Archdiocesan schools in Los Angeles, to Bureau of Indian Education schools, and everywhere in between** - are telling a very different story about the learning success of children in their schools, especially those living in high-poverty communities.

These schools are not just improving reading scores, they're changing lives, opening doors, and delivering the educational experience every parent dreams for their child.

Among the many stories we heard:

- **Achievement gaps, closed.**
- **100% proficiency rates** on state assessments among schools with large English language learner populations.
- **98%+ attendance rates** and **100% parent-teacher conference participation.**
- Students advancing **multiple grade levels in reading – in as little as nine weeks.**
- Schools where **every student is setting and reaching ambitious learning goals.**

How are they doing it? With a relentless focus on student success – and a clear plan to achieve it.



At SFA, we equip schools with the systems, tools, training, and evidenced-based strategies proven to **turn every child into a confident reader and continuous learner** - regardless of background or barriers to learning.

Here's how you can help us reach more children:

[Encourage a school to apply for our School Success Scholarship](#) - Thanks to the generosity of a private donor, we have an incredible opportunity to offer \$100,000 scholarships to elementary schools serving children in high-poverty communities that are ready to transform learning outcomes. Know a school that could benefit? Encourage them to apply!

[Support SFA](#) - As a non-profit organization, our ability to impact more children relies on our incredible community of donors. Your donation - whatever the amount - will help us deliver the promise of literacy to more children.

[See the impact](#) - Read our latest success story about Texhoma Elementary School, the 2025 Dr. Robert Slavin Award Winner, and the accelerated literacy gains their students are making.

Children who can't read are hurting - but as we know and these schools prove, it's not their fault. **We know how to fix it - and it's urgent that we do.**

Thank you for being part of our story.

Sincerely,

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