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## **Governor Malloy kicks off 2016 summer reading program**

*State honors reading achievements of top-performing schools and students*

(HARTFORD, CT)—Gov. Dannel P. Malloy honored students and school representatives from throughout the state for their reading achievements today at the kickoff of the annual Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge.

During a ceremony at the State Library, Gov. Malloy, Commissioner of Education Dianna R. Wentzell, and State Librarian Kendall Wiggin stressed the importance of reading during the summer and recognized top-performing schools from the 2015 Summer Reading Challenge.

“If we want our children to thrive in school and have a bright future, we need to cultivate an early love of reading,” Governor Malloy said. “We are making progress — Connecticut students are among the top readers in the country and our graduation rate continues to climb. This program keeps students going strong over the summer with books that ignite their imagination and develop critical reading skills. I want to congratulate and thank all the participating schools, districts, and libraries.”

“When children discover the joy and thrill of reading, they embark on a journey that builds knowledge, sharpens vocabulary, and opens up a world of possibility,” Commissioner Wentzell said. “Programs like the Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge encourage children to cultivate their love of reading and practice skills that will prepare them for success down the road. We congratulate all the schools and students honored today. We also thank our local school and library partners for your commitment to helping students and families engage in summer reading programs.”

“Connecticut’s public libraries are filled with many interesting books that make reading exciting no matter the child’s interests. They are staffed by librarians who are eager to help children and parents find the right books for their reading adventure” said State Librarian Kendall Wiggin. “The Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge demonstrates the value of partnerships and the important role schools and libraries play in advancing education.”

The Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge is a statewide program coordinated by the Connecticut State Department of Education in conjunction with the Connecticut State Library. Schools compete based on student population and grade level. The program recognizes the schools with the highest participation rates and the highest number of books read per student.

The summer reading program also supports community initiatives run by local public libraries and recognizes “Outstanding Public Library-School Partnerships.” Students have read millions of books since the program began in 1996. More information is available at <http://www.ct.gov/sde/ctread>.

Elementary Schools			
District	School	% Participating Enrollment	Avg. No. Books Read Per Student

Small			
Orange	Race Brook School	100%	17
Regional School District 1	Kent Center School	97%	17
Regional School District 6	Goshen Center School	100%	16
Regional School District 6	Warren School	100%	15
Regional School District 12	Booth Free School	100%	14
Regional School District 12	Burnham School	100%	15
Regional School District 12	Washington Primary School	100%	13
Wolcott	Alcott Elementary School	100%	31
Wolcott	Frisbie Elementary School	100%	27
Medium			
Farmington	Noah Wallace School	100%	17
Large			
Hartford	Alfred E. Burr Community School	100%	9
Trumbull	Jane Ryan Elementary School	100%	30
Middle Schools			
District	School	% Participating Enrollment	Avg. No. Books Read Per Student
Small			
Regional School District 5	Amity Middle School - Bethany	98%	5
Wolcott	Tyrrell Middle School	99%	7
Medium			
Brookfield	Whisconier Middle School	92%	5
Ellington	Ellington Middle School	100%	5
Farmington	Irving Robbins Middle School	100%	5
Shelton	Shelton Intermediate School	90%	5
Large			
New Britain	Hals Academy	97%	8
High Schools			
District	School	% Participating Enrollment	Avg. No. Books Read Per Student
Medium			
Guilford	Guilford High School	89%	3
Shelton	Shelton High School	83%	2
Large			

Connecticut Technical High School System	Norwich Technical High School	100%	2
<b>Independent And Unique Schools</b>			
<b>K-8</b>			
<b>Affiliation/District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>% Participating Enrollment</b>	<b>Avg. No. Books Read Per Student</b>
Diocese Of Bridgeport	Saint Mary School	100%	15
Archdiocese Of Hartford	St. Francis-St. Hedwig School	93%	12
	Talcott Mountain Academy	100%	28
	Our Lady Of Fatima	92%	19
<b>6-12</b>			
<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>% Participating Enrollment</b>	<b>Avg. No. Books Read Per Student</b>
Unified School District 2	Riverview School	100%	6

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