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## **Governor Malloy kicks off 2015 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 2014 Summer Reading Challenge.

“We know that in order for children to have a brighter tomorrow, they need to read over the summer now. We’ve made progress – graduation rates are up, the achievement gap is down, and we’re preparing children for college and careers like never before. But to keep moving Connecticut forward into the future, we need to instill in children a genuine love of learning now. That’s just what this program does,” Gov. Malloy said. “I would like to congratulate and thank all the participating schools and districts.”

“Reading not only ignites imagination, it is the gateway to building knowledge and developing the habit of lifelong learning,” Commissioner Wentzell said. “Programs like the Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge are a great way to engage our youth over the summer. It also encourages students to practice reading skills and safeguards against summer learning loss. We congratulate the schools and students honored today. We also thank all the local public libraries and school that partner to support and encourage students and families with summer reading programs.”

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>.

## List of Winning Schools 2014 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			
DISTRICT	SCHOOL	% PARTICIPATING ENROLLMENT	AVG NO BOOKS READ PER STUDENT
<b>SMALL</b>			
ORANGE	RACE BROOK SCHOOL	100%	20
ORANGE	THE PECK PLACE SCHOOL	100%	17
ORANGE	TURKEY HILL SCHOOL	99%	17
REGION 6	WARREN SCHOOL	100%	26
REGION 12	BOOTH FREE SCHOOL	100%	16
REGION 12	BURNHAM SCHOOL	100%	17
REGION 12	WASHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	100%	18
<b>MEDIUM</b>			
FARMINGTON	NOAH WALLACE SCHOOL	100%	21
RIDGEFIELD	SCOTLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	99%	32
RIDGEFIELD	VETERANS PARK SCHOOL	98%	37
WOLCOTT	ALCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	99%	28
WOLCOTT	FRISBIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	100%	30
<b>LARGE</b>			
HARTFORD	ALFRED E. BURR COMMUNITY SCHOOL	100%	6
NEW HAVEN	BENJAMIN JEPSON MAGNET SCHOOL	100%	8
TRUMBULL	JANE RYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	99%	24
MIDDLE SCHOOL			
DISTRICT	SCHOOL	% PARTICIPATING ENROLLMENT	AVG NO BOOKS READ PER STUDENT
<b>SMALL</b>			
REGION 5	AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL - BETHANY	98%	5
<b>MEDIUM</b>			
ELLINGTON	ELLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	100%	6
GRANBY	GRANBY MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL	97%	4
WILTON	MIDDLEBROOK SCHOOL	100%	5

WOLCOTT	TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL	99%	6
<b>LARGE</b>			
WEST HARTFORD	BRISTOW MIDDLE	96%	4
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>			
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>% PARTICIPATING ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>AVG NO BOOKS READ PER STUDENT</b>
<b>LARGE</b>			
CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM	NORWICH TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL	100%	2
STRATFORD	STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL	91%	2
<b>INDEPENDENT AND UNIQUE SCHOOLS</b>			
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>% PARTICIPATING ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>AVG NO BOOKS READ PER STUDENT</b>
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT	SAINT MARY SCHOOL	100%	11
	TALCOTT MOUNTAIN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND TECHNOLOGY	100%	29
<b>UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2</b>			
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2	RIVERVIEW SCHOOL	100%	6

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