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Thursday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m.

Reading Partners launches Sacramento area programs, including 2 in city schools

Reading Partners, a nonprofit organization that helps youngsters overcome barriers to reading by offering one-on-one tutoring, will celebrate the launch of 5 new partner school sites in Sacramento, including two in the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD)—Bret Harte and Caroline Wenzel elementary schools. **A reception is scheduled at 3 p.m. followed by a program at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5 at Bret Harte, 2751 9th Ave.**

Guests will include SCUSD Superintendent Jonathan P. Raymond, principals, teachers, volunteers and supporters from the organization's new partner schools. Reading Partners reports that 87% of students in the program accelerated their rate of learning and on average gained 1 year of reading skills for every 25 hours in the program.

Reading Partners, which began in 1999 as "Yes Reading," also works in San Francisco, Oakland, Silicon Valley, Los Angeles, Pasadena and the South Bay. In Sacramento, Reading Partners has 175 active volunteers ready to serve 160 students who are below grade level in reading.

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