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Boston Schools Benefit from the ReadBoston Program

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In 1995, Mayor Thomas M. Menino founded the ReadBoston project to address the low literacy level

ReadBoston targets children both before they enter Boston schools kindergarten and throughout

Preschool Years

Before entering the Boston schools, ReadBoston partners with childcare centers, providing materials

ReadBoston has two main programs under the early years literacy campaign ' Early Literacy Links

Early Literacy Links reinforces ReadBoston's focus on the importance of early literacy by promoting

The Reading Trail promotes family involvement in the literacy development of their children. H

Boston Schools

Once children reach the elementary level within the Boston schools, ReadBoston is there to welcome

Within the Boston schools, ReadBoston breaks into four separate yet cohesive programs ' the Family

Family Literacy Project:

- Encourages family involvement in children's literacy;
- Sets up home lending libraries and provide the books in Boston schools elementary classrooms
- Promotes twice yearly parent-teacher conferences with an emphasis on literacy; and
- Provides teacher training and support to help each of the Boston schools incorporate the

There are currently 21 elementary level Boston schools participating in the ReadBoston program

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF):

- Provides three free books each year to participating students to create a home library
- Develops fun activities to encourage reading as a worthy pastime for the children.

Each year ReadBoston gives three books to over 15,000 students within the Boston schools through

The After-School Project integrates literacy into the Boston schools' after-school programs. I

Families And Books reach children during the off-school summer months, using two Storymobiles

In addition to the involvement of the Boston schools, a wide array of community members have joined

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