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REPORT ON EARLY LITERACY			
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PRIORITY AREA			
Early Learning & Early Literacy			
SUMMARY			
<p>The Department’s mission is to ensure that ALL Missouri students have access to opportunity – with the goal of ensuring that each student has the chance to graduate prepared for success. Student success in every content area is based on the foundational skill of reading. Literacy supports students’ development of language skills – reading, comprehension, interpretation and creativity. As such, early literacy has been selected as one of our main priorities in the Department’s strategic plan.</p> <p>This discussion will focus on the Department’s coordinated support for high-quality reading instruction in grades PK–3.</p>			
PRESENTERS			
<p>Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education; Ginger Henry, Coordinator of IDEA, Office of Special Education; Debbie Jameson, English Language Arts Director, Office of College and Career Readiness; Kim Stuckey, Dyslexia Director, Office of College and Career Readiness; Jo Anne Ralston, Coordinator of Early Learning, Office of Quality Schools; and Jamie Foulk, Coordinator of Educator Preparation, Office of Educator Quality.</p>			