



## Legislation Text

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**Title:**  
**Read Charlotte Update**

**Summary**

**ACTION:**

**Receive an update on Read Charlotte from Munro Richardson, Executive Director**

**Staff Contact:** Michael A. Bryant, Management & Budget Director

**Presentation:** Yes

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Mecklenburg County is a lead funder and creator of Read Charlotte. Read Charlotte is a community initiative that unites families, educators and community partners to improve children's literacy from birth to third grade with a goal of doubling reading proficiency from 39% to 80% by 2025. Munro Richardson, Read Charlotte Executive Director, will highlight progress made over the past 12 months and provide a strategic overview of the organization's future plans.

**PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**

N/A

**POLICY IMPACT:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:** In FY2018, the Board approved \$300,000; \$100,000 a year for three years to support the Read Charlotte Data Collaborative which will use common assessments to standardized program evaluation and professional development to create a data driven culture, drive performance improvement and enhance the effectiveness of providers participating in the collaborative. Also in FY2016, the Board approved \$500,000; \$100,000 over a five year span to support the initiative to double the percentage of 3rd grade reading students at grade level by 2025.

