

# EQUITABLE LITERACY FOR ALL

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The Honorable Sasha Renée Pérez  
Chair, Senate Education Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 6720  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: AB 1454 (Rivas) – SUPPORT

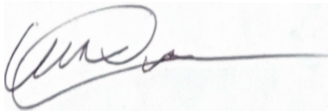
Dear Honorable Chair Pérez:

I write in support of AB 1454 (Rivas). We are parents, advocates, educators, and supporters who brought the statewide resolution “Equitable Literacy for All Students” to the California State PTA. We are proud to support AB 1454 which aligns with the tenets of that Resolution, in that the bill calls for professional development for educators grounded in evidence-based literacy instruction.

AB 1454 will accelerate California’s progress in teaching children to read by requiring that evidence-based instruction practices are built into professional development and instructional materials.

We are grateful to see the many perspectives that have come to align in this legislative effort, including California Teachers Association, California Association for Bilingual Education and EdVoice. And we wholeheartedly agree with Speaker Rivas where he states “AB 1454 builds on California’s efforts to support teaching children to read by requiring the state to adopt instructional materials in English language arts/English language development and identify effective professional development programs that reinforce evidence-based instruction. This bill will also help principals support teachers in delivering effective literacy instruction by updating their preparation standards. AB 1454 provides a meaningful approach to addressing early literacy and ensures California educators have the tools they need to support our youngest readers.”

This bill prioritizes support for our teachers in this critical moment which moves us closer to ensuring equitable access to educational opportunities for all children. This is not just an education issue; it’s a social justice issue. We urge your aye vote on this bill.



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CC: The Honorable Members of the Senate Education Committee