

Act 28 Report to Vermont Standards
Board 8 February 2024
Advisory Council on Literacy
Summary of 29 November 2023 &
17 January 2024 Meetings

Report includes notification of vendors for AOE literacy projects, a public comment, upcoming tasks for the committee, and a discussion of assessments.

November:

- Public Comment : Concern about test results and decline of reading outcomes after ESSR funds spent to reverse pandemic losses. Response mentioned NAEP and assessment given in Grades 4 and 8 (Reading & Math)
- Report to the legislature: Two reports due: One in 2024 and a final in 2025.
- Blueprint requires updating every five years. Recommendations around turnover, recruiting, and retention; no unfunded mandates; valid and reliable assessments; evidence-based programs aligned with ESSA requirements; databased of literacy materials that reflect cultural and linguistic diversity.
- AOE Updates: Summary of Opportunities and Activities. Released literacy modules 1 & 2 for K-3 and 4-9)

January:

- Public Comment: Question about Dolly Parton's Imagination Book project and support/testimony for S. 200. Free books for children from birth to age 5.
 - More than 200 educators taking literacy modules
 - Final Act 28 task presented. School districts required to build a Comprehensive Local Assessment Plan (assessments to assess literacy proficiency)
 - Evidence-based resources listed

Respectfully submitted 8 February 2024
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