

IMPROVING LITERACY IN VERMONT



- NAEP Scores Remain Flat
- Science Shows Us the Way
- We Know What to Do

THE PROBLEM

45% OF VT STUDENTS GRADES 3-5 DID NOT SCORE "PROFICIENT" IN READING --- DMG REPORT



TEACHERS FEEL "ILL-EQUIPPED" TO HELP --- VT DIGGER

THE COST \$320,000,000



- Special Education in VT
- Avg/IEP Student: \$23,359
- Total # IEP Students: 12,844
- Est total Reading IEPs: 10,000

THE SOLUTION

- Brain Science Matters
- fMRIs show how children learn
- We can identify the 40% who will struggle



- Explicit, structured language alone aligns with brain science
- ALL children benefit, and
- Children in the lowest 20th %ile, those most at-risk SUCCEED with this method

Together We Can Ensure Literacy!

State Government

State Agency of Education

Stern Center

Local School Districts

Colleges, Universities