



# Highlighting the Literacy Magic Happening in our Classrooms

We are excited to share [a short video](#) highlighting the wonderful literacy work taking place across our schools. Over the past two years, teachers throughout the district have been using UFLI Foundations, Be GLAD strategies, and new training designed to support students with dyslexia. With help from our 2023 Operation ELEVATE grant funded by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), this work is helping more of our youngest learners build strong reading skills and grow toward grade level expectations.

Earlier this year, Steilacoom Historical School District was preparing to welcome educators from around the country as part of a DoDEA conference that would have featured our schools and their progress in early literacy. Although the conference was canceled due to the federal government shutdown, we still wanted to share the story of the incredible work happening in our classrooms.

To capture this story, we partnered with Matt McDaniel from our CTE Advisory Committee, along with Digital Media teacher Lindsay Webster and her students at Steilacoom High School. Together they created a video which showcases our commitment to strong early literacy instruction, authentic hands-on learning experiences, and meaningful partnerships with our community.

We are grateful for the continued support of our students, teachers, and schools. Thank you for being part of a district that believes in the power of literacy and the importance of working together.

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We hope you enjoy the [video](#).

