SAUCON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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September 18, 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

We hope the school year is going well for you and your child! We're excited to have you as part of the Saucon Valley Elementary School community.

As part of our continued commitment to supporting your child's success, we'd like to inform you that your child will begin receiving Title I reading support starting **Monday, September 21st**.

Our Title I intervention services are designed to help students strengthen their skills and build confidence in a supportive, caring environment. The intervention will take place for 30 minutes each day during our designated Intervention and Extension Time, ensuring that your child does not miss any essential core instruction while still receiving the additional support they need. **It's important to note that even students performing at grade level may participate in groups focused on reinforcing specific skills.**

The lessons provided during this time follow the **Science of Reading**, an evidence-based approach that emphasizes structured and systematic reading instruction. This method helps students build a strong foundation in phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency ~ critical skills for becoming successful readers.

To ensure the effectiveness of the intervention, students will be **progress monitored twice a month**. This allows us to track their growth and make any necessary adjustments to support their individual needs.

We understand how important it is for your child to receive their core instruction, so our intervention will complement ~ rather than replace ~ their classroom learning. Our goal is to provide the additional support needed to help your child thrive.

Our Reading Department is comprised of three Reading Specialists and two Reading Paraprofessionals:

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Reading Paraprofessionals:

Mrs. Jillian Tanzos

Mrs. Dalia Zahran

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. We look forward to working together with you and your child to make this year one of growth, learning, and success! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Amy Braxmeier
Principal
Saucon Valley Elementary School

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