TESTIMONIALS

"When everyone is pulling in the same direction toward an aggressive, agreed upon goal, there is tremendous power. For too long we have made the school system responsible for solving society's ills. It is time for the community to get into the trenches with the educators and solve this problem together. As a nation, we can no longer afford to ignore it."

–Ray Oglethorpe
Past President of AOL
Chairman of the Board of The Learning Alliance

"Vero Beach is a rare place that, early on, saw the need for simultaneous and thoughtfully connected work to change both what happens in the classroom and the supports available to children and families outside of the school…Vero Beach itself is an exemplar, providing inspiration and a model for the Campaign and for communities across the country."

–Ralph Smith
Director, The National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Founder	$150,000 in cumulative giving
Benefactor	$25,000 - $149,999
Blue Ribbon Patron	$5,000 - $24,999
'Crack the Code' Partner	$1,000 - $4,999
Advocate	$100 - $999
Friend	$1 - $99

Visit www.TheLearningAlliance.org to learn more.

As an educator, I know that literacy is the most essential skill for educational success. But, it is a skill that has to be learned. We are fortunate to live in a community committed to providing the resources for our students and training for our teachers that will ensure that 90% of our 3rd grade students will be reading on grade level by 2018, the crucial dividing line in reading development.

We should be very excited about what has already been accomplished in this unique partnership, and even more excited about the promise of the future. But our success has required and will continue to require everyone to contribute and work together.

Dr. Mark J. Rendell
Superintendent, School District of Indian River County

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Our goal is 90% literacy by third grade. Our aspiration is to be a model for the nation.

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2015 –2016
THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

OUR MOONSHOT MOMENT
90% LITERACY BY THIRD GRADE

We know that literacy is the key to educational success for our children. And, we know that in Indian River County collaboration between parents, schools, community organizations, and The Learning Alliance is the way to achieve literacy. Together we are paving the way to success and building a model for the nation.

THE LEARNING ALLIANCE (TLA) PROCESS

" We don't learn from experience. We learn by reflecting on experience."

–John Dewey

TLA Core Values:

Emergent Learning as the collaborative learning process.

Community Empowerment to create local solutions.

Literacy to transform individuals and communities.

Sustainable Investment to support the learning process.

Creativity and Customization of individualized solutions.

Trust in the people and the process.

Celebration of our partnerships and our learning.

READING BY THIRD GRADE MATTERS

- 40% of children nationally are not ready for Kindergarten when they arrive.
- 68% of children nationally are not proficient by 4th grade.
- Fourth graders who cannot read at grade level today are all too likely to become our nation's lowest income, least skilled, least productive, and most costly citizens.

- The economic impact of matching the test scores of the world's most literate countries is equivalent to $100 trillion or over 7 times our national debt. (OEDC 2010).

Literacy is the #1 indicator of individual success and community prosperity.

–Annie E. Casey

MOONSHOT MOMENT PROGRAMS

As a vision driven emergent learning organization, TLA builds the collaborative capacity of our community and schools, through our Moonshot Visioning process. The discipline of learning through innovation, reflecting on our innovations, and adapting practices accordingly is at the center of our work.

Monthly Workshop Series
at Vero Beach Museum of Art

Moonshot Summer Institute

Moonshot Whole School and Classroom Consulting

Moonshot Academy (MSA)
after school and summer

Passport to Literacy Pre-School Teacher Training Pilot

Moonshot Community Leaders
help support visioning and a diversity of outreach efforts

DISTRICT ACHIEVES GROWTH

Grade Level Proficiency as Measured by SAT 10

2015 Students by Grade	Same Student Cohort Score in 2014	Same Student Cohort Score in 2015	District Average Growth	Highest School Growth
Kindergarten	NA	43%	NA	NA
1st	43%	53%	23%	114%
2nd	50%	50%	0%	27%
3rd	49%	57%	16%	43%
District Total	48%	54%	12%	23%
MSA Students*	25%	42%	65%	300%

*Attendees of two sesions (14 weeks)

Last year there was a 12% increase in literacy growth in k-3 classrooms. Our MSA after school programs saw a 65% increase in literacy proficiency.