THIS IS A DECISION PAPER

TO: Nelson County Board of Education

FROM: Tim Beck, Director of Elementary Schools

CC: Anthony Orr, Superintendent

DATE: February 18, 2014

RE: Decision paper on RTA grants (Read to Achieve)

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SUBJECT**:** The Read to Achieve Grant Program is a competitive program that provides funds to schools to implement research-based reading diagnostic and intervention programs. The early reading intervention program selected by the funded school must be based on reliable, replicable research and offer short-term intensive one-on-one or small group instruction in essential skills necessary for reading proficiency.

Overview of RTA grant:

* The RTA grant will award each school $48,500.00.
* All schools will employ an RTA intervention teacher that is highly trained, qualified and certified, with a minimum of 3 years teaching experience.
* All schools will implement the EIR Early Interventions in Reading program for moving at-risk students to grade level proficiency before exiting elementary school.
* Title II funds will be used to supplement resources and training.
* All Nelson County elementary schools will participate.

Decision: It is recommended the Nelson County board of education move to accept participation in the RTA grants for all elementary schools.