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If ever there was a time when teachers and administrators must work together it is now. In Michigan, our material resources in education have been drastically reduced. We continually hear about a declining enrollment and observe the cutbacks in our work force. However, in spite of these adversities, as professional educators we expect to continue to work to the best of our abilities and to challenge each student to learn to the fullest potential.

What we need during these times is a reaffirmation of our belief that education is a vital profession. However, this reaffirmation will depend upon the verbal and non-verbal actions of all teachers and administrators. Just as we make certain judgments (correct or incorrect) about our students because of what they say and do, we are similarly judged by our variety of publics. These publics are asking what we are doing, why we are doing it, and what we believe about education.

One way to present a unified professional front is to join together around a strong belief: the belief that **all** students can learn to read. The Michigan Reading Association is committed to providing assistance to all teachers and administrators who share this belief. We will continue to take a firm start on specific issues, work with the State Department of Education on appropriate projects that involve reading and provide information on topics that are reading related.

It can truly be said that no organization is better than the expertise of its members. Therefore, the Michigan Reading Association needs you! Please join us and together we will be professionally united in the continued effort to effectively teach reading so that all our students will become readers.

Barbara Jacoby
President