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## Letter to Dr. John Porter

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September 19, 1975

Dr. John W. Porter  
Superintendent  
Department of Education  
Box 420  
Lansing, Michigan 48902

Dear Dr. Porter:

**1. Right to Read Advisory Committee**

As you are aware the Michigan Reading Association has given considerable support to the Michigan Right to Read program including resolutions of support, participation in the Right to Read Advisory Council, and very active participation in the Right to Read training workshops, both as leaders and trainees.

We wish to continue active support of the Right to Read program. Therefore, we request continued representation on the Right to Read Advisory Council.

**2. Reading Improvement Act**

We are pleased as you are that the Education Appropriation Bill is now passed. This act funds the Reading Improvement Act (Title VII). We urge you to:

1. Prepare for its prompt implementation in Michigan.
2. Include MRA on the Advisory Committee for this program.
3. Press your staff to develop means for the Reading Improvement Act Program in Michigan to be coordinated with General Education, Title I, Title III and Chapter 3 programs to avoid duplication and confusion among Local Education Agencies.

**3. Right to Read Director**

We in MRA are quite concerned about the vacancy in staff in the Right to Read program. We are concerned that the program have staff that is competent in reading, management of training, and administrative skills. In order to attract such a person to apply for this position, we recommend that the classification be that of a program supervisor (Grade 15).

**4. Reading Personnel**

In addition to the Right to Read Director, we are concerned about the need for an instructional specialist with direct responsibility for leadership in reading instruction.

**5. State Assessment Project**

We appreciate the opportunity to have a representative appear before the Board of Education at their September 17th meeting to discuss the Reading section of the State Assessment Tests. Our final report on the 1974 test should be available soon. Also, we look forward to future involvement in this project.

Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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President  
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