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Crises and challenges! It seems that everything we face these days as educators is either a crisis or a challenge. School millages are defeated, and cutbacks in staffing and programs follow. A call for accountability in education brings new approaches to evaluation and the establishment of performance objectives in instruction.

Reading instruction has again come under close scrutiny. The Michigan Department of Education "Accountability Model for Communication Skills" is a reality. Performance

objectives have been drafted for grades kindergarten to six and soon will be available for grades seven to twelve.

New legislation regarding supportive services in reading is being considered. It may very well be that many districts may no longer be able to maintain special reading staff if categorical funding for reading services is discontinued.

It would seem that the crises and challenges of this school year will be intensified in the next one. Are we ready to meet the crises and accept the challenges?