

- This is a very important issue to me because I work with primarily students of color and EL students. Literacy is severely lacking for many students and rather than this issue being tackled and solved, it is often ignored. I hear teachers say things like, "Oh, that student is not a strong reader. They really struggle in this class because they can't access the materials". Because teachers don't have the capacity to teach reading or do reading interventions in addition to teaching their content areas, these struggling readers get left behind. This needs to change. Every student deserves to be confident in their reading ability and we can do so much more to support our students. - Katie Sandsmark, St Paul teacher