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ADVISORY: Commissioner of Education William L. Librera to Attend Several Read Across America Events on Monday, March 3

Commissioner of Education William L. Librera is scheduled to attend four different Read Across America events this Monday, March 3. At each location, the Commissioner will visit schools, read to the pupils and emphasize the importance of early literacy.

"Read Across America day is an essential day for our children," Commissioner Librera said. "It places an emphasis on the importance of reading — an emphasis the Department of Education wholeheartedly shares along with Governor James E. McGreevey."

In New Jersey, numerous events are planned, including visits by Governor James E. McGreevey and senior cabinet members. **Reporters are encouraged to check with their local school districts for additional information about the day's events.**

Commissioner Librera is scheduled to attend the following:

- Cornelia Bradford School in Jersey City, Hudson County, at 9 a.m.;
- Eisenhower Elementary School in Piscataway, Middlesex County, at 10:45 a.m.;
- Gertrude Folwell School in Mount Holly, Burlington County, at 1 p.m.; and
- Riverton Elementary School in Riverton, Burlington County, at 2:15 p.m.

Read Across America began in 1998 as a way to get children excited about reading, while at the same time celebrating the birthday of acclaimed children's book author Dr. Seuss (Theodor "Ted" Geisel, 1904-1991).

The daylong celebration, which typically occurs on or about Dr. Seuss' birthday, is sponsored by the National Education Association and scores of other businesses and initiatives, including PBS, the Screen Actors Guild Book Pals and Random House Children's Books.

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