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I hope you are all having a wonderful summer and are taking some time to relax and re-energize before next school year. Maybe you've taken on some personal improvement projects this summer or are working on a plan for improving student outcomes in your school as you look to next year.

Often when we're looking to improve, we want to find a quick fix or silver bullet that will get us the results we want as quickly as possible with the least amount of effort and change on our parts. However, we know that in life and in education, there really are no quick fixes or silver bullets. Schools don't miraculously improve without a team coming together with strong leadership, a clear vision, and a plan of action that ensures alignment with the vision. Improvement takes time and requires that we stay the course, reviewing data and making sure that we are moving in the right direction with every decision we make. And once we begin to see gains, we must maintain our momentum and ensure our efforts are sustainable.

I'm sure many of you have heard about the "Mississippi Miracle," which wasn't really a miracle but the result of a lot of hard work from a strong team with a vision for improving Mississippi's third-grade literacy outcomes. In this month's [R7CC blog](#), we'll share the story of how the state has continued its efforts and doubled down on its work to maintain gains made during the pandemic and to hopefully see continued growth in third and fourth-grade reading proficiency in the state. This is not a story of miracles, quick fixes, or silver bullets, but one of commitment to a vision, leadership, action based on data, and staying the course even when the obstacles seem insurmountable. Hopefully, we can all learn something from it to take into our own work with schools and districts.

Below, we provide an update on the R7CC Mississippi Comprehensive Literacy project and some resources to support you in your work. Also, throughout the blog, you'll find links to Mississippi plans and resources that are part of the overall vision for improving literacy outcomes statewide.

Be sure to visit our website and check in with us on social media to keep up with our work. We are honored to continuously support you during these five years.

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### **Resources**

New R7CC Blog – [The Making of a Miracle: Changing Mississippi's Literacy Legacy](#)

National Council on Teacher Quality – [Teacher Prep Review: Strengthening Elementary Reading Instruction](#)

REL Midwest – [Resource Roundup: Supports for Summer Learning](#)

Region 5 Comprehensive Center – [Leveraging the Institute of Education Science's What Works Clearinghouse Practice Guides to Support Reading](#)

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# Mississippi Comprehensive Literacy Project Update



The following goals are currently in progress:

- ➔ Co-development of literacy leadership professional learning modules for the MS K-3 Literacy Learning Walk and literacy leadership protocols for delivery of the training sessions.
- ➔ Co-development of a local education agency (LEA) literacy plan resource for district use in continuous instructional improvement.
- ➔ Co-development of an LEA evaluation tool for selecting external professional development providers.



Discussion of the sustainability focus for Year 5 includes support for the delivery of MS K-3 Literacy Learning Walk online modules and sustainability training for implementing the LEA literacy plan resource.



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