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## Invites you to participate in the Lunchtime Reading Program!

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### WHAT IS READ TO A CHILD?

Read to a Child's mission is to foster a love of reading, improve literacy skills and empower underserved children by inspiring adults to read to them regularly. When an adult reads aloud to a child, both parties have a joyful, rewarding experience that greatly increases the child's literacy skills and his or her likelihood for success in the future.

### WHAT IS THE LUNCHTIME READING PROGRAM?

The Lunchtime Reading Program partners a caring adult with an elementary school aged child for a rewarding, read aloud experience during the child's lunch break. The simple act of reading aloud to a child once a week can have a profound impact on his or her future and offers the adult a convenient and meaningful way to give back.

### WHERE ARE THE SCHOOLS LOCATED? WHEN DOES THE PROGRAM TAKE PLACE?

The Lunchtime Reading Program runs October through May each school year during the students lunch break. Reading Mentors meet students weekly/biweekly at their school of choice during one of the following sessions:

**Bow Elementary School** 19801 Prevost St, Detroit, MI 48235

- Sessions are held Tuesday through Thursday

**Detroit Leadership Academy** 13550 Virgil St, Detroit, MI 48223

- Sessions are held Tuesday through Thursday

**Southwest Detroit Community School** 4001 29<sup>th</sup> St Detroit MI 48210

- Sessions are held Tuesday through Thursday

**Herrington Elementary School** 541 Bay Street, Pontiac, MI 48342

- Sessions are held Monday through Thursday

### HOW ARE THE CHILDREN SELECTED FOR THE PROGRAM?

Teachers select specific students to participate because they are 1) behind their age group in reading proficiency; 2) would benefit from the attention of a caring adult; 3) and/or are not read to at home.

### I'VE NEVER BEEN A READING MENTOR, WILL I RECEIVE ANY TRAINING?

Yes. All volunteers will attend online or in person training prior to beginning the program.

### I'M REALLY BUSY AND TRAVEL FOR MY JOB, HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

The Lunchtime Reading Program is designed to be flexible and convenient to allow busy professionals to volunteer as mentors. You can pair up with a colleague/friend to be matched with one student. You can then alternate, attending sessions for 30-45 minutes every *other* week.

### ONCE I JOIN THE PROGRAM, WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A QUESTION OR CAN'T MAKE IT TO MY SCHEDULED READING SESSION FOR THE WEEK?

The program is well-managed by a School Coordinator staffed at each site who maintains a Google Voice line. If you have questions, or cannot make it to your reading session you can call or email the School Coordinator to notify them or reschedule your session for another day that week.

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Complete the following steps:

Volunteer application: <https://rtac.secure.force.com/application> (select **individual reader Detroit** or appropriate company)

Online Training: [training.readtoachild.org](https://training.readtoachild.org)

Background Check: Will be emailed upon successful completion of online application

Feel free to contact us at 313.451.3048 or [infodetroit@readtoachild.org](mailto:infodetroit@readtoachild.org) with questions. To learn more, visit [www.readtoachild.org/detroit](https://www.readtoachild.org/detroit).