Stacey LaRouche, spokesperson for Gov. Gretchen Whitmer:

"Governor Whitmer is committed to ensuring every child in Michigan can access a quality public education that teaches them how to read and sets them up for a lifetime of success. That's why we made record investments in our students, hired more teachers, and tripled number of literacy coaches, but we still need to work together to tackle the literacy crisis. Republicans have had decades of control over state education policy and funding, and while we've been working to turn the ship around over the last six years, we need to focus education policies to make sure that every kid in Michigan can read. As the State Board of Education hires their new superintendent, the governor urges them to pick a candidate with a proven record on literacy. Let's do what it takes to get our kids back on track for the bright futures they all deserve and deliver students the resources they need to be successful and outcompete other states."