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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students **entering grades 5-8** in the fall,

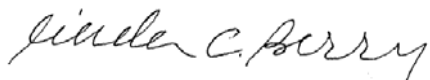
Regional School District 13 in conjunction with the public libraries, institutes a required summer reading program for students entering grades 5-8. What we know is that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development while children who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency. We ask that you foster your children's interest in reading and encourage them to read regularly.

Prior to entering school in the fall, each student is required to read **two books of their choice**. Books may be print, digital or audio. Lists of suggested titles can be accessed online at the Regional School District 13 website or on the schools' websites.

Students will compose a 140 character (or less) review about their summer reading books in the style of a 'Twitter' post and submit the form found on the Strong and Memorial LMC websites. Selected 'tweets' will be re-published anonymously online through a dedicated Twitter account managed by RSD 13 personnel. Students who prefer to compose their 'tweets' on paper can find the form on their school's LMC website or at the Durham and Middlefield public libraries. **Please be aware that students are NOT to open/use a personal Twitter account in order to submit their book review.** Student book reviews are not public and will be viewed by school staff only.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to an enriching experience for your child!

Sincerely,



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