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Dear UUCJ Congregation and Staff,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$3,100 in 5/2020 to READ USA to sponsor the 2020 FREE Book Fair at Arlington Heights Elementary School. Your contribution is serving students **now with books!**

We are already hearing the enthusiastic feedback:

"This will bring a lot of joy to our students. I can't wait to hear about the stories they are reading." – Principal White, West Riverside Elementary

"My daughters were so excited to pick out their books for the summer!" Amber, parent at Title 1 school

Your support is helping us serve every DCPS Title 1 Elementary (40,000 PK – 8 th grade) students with their choice of 3 brand new books of their choice from 1,000's of age appropriate and culturally sensitive titles that they will receive in the mail directly to their homes. Can you visualize the smiles of excitement when their package of books arrive in their mailboxes?

Your support is a powerful way to help prevent summer learning loss, which accounts for roughly **80% of the reading achievement gap between higher and lower income students** (Alexander et al research).

In fact, in Delores Barr Weaver's letter of support for READ USA on 3/13/2020, she cited the research statistic "*The only behavior measure that correlates significantly with reading scores is the number of books in the home.*" YOU are impacting this issue directly with your support.

Thank you for being a **Student Success CHAMPION!** You are making our future brighter and our world better because **READERS are LEADERS!**

With warmest gratitude,

Ellen A. Wiss

President/CEO and Co-Founder

"Once you learn to read, you will forever be free." - Frederick Douglass

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