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Mitchell D. Chester
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education
75 Pleasant Street
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Dear Commissioner Chester,

I read with much interest your great concern over the large number of potential high school dropouts in our state. Keeping track of the 7,700 students at risk is important, for only by knowing who they are can effective efforts be made to help them achieve academic success.

Most of these potential dropouts undoubtedly have reading problems. These problems begin at the primary level where faulty teaching methods prevent these students from becoming fluent readers. I have been dealing with these problems for over thirty years, and in order to help such students I developed a reading program that produces virtual instant success. It is called Alpha-Phonics.

I would be willing to take the worst students among these potential dropouts and conduct a pilot program to demonstrate that these students can learn to read provided they are taught in the proper manner. Once they become fluent readers, they will be strongly motivated to continue their academic education. All of this can be done at very little cost.

If you are truly interested in saving these potential dropouts from future lives as functional illiterates, I hope you will consider my offer. I would be happy to bring my materials to your office and explain why my methodology works so well.

Sincerely yours

Cc to: Gov. Deval Patrick; Ellen Guiney, Boston Plan for Excellence; James Vaznis, The Boston Globe.