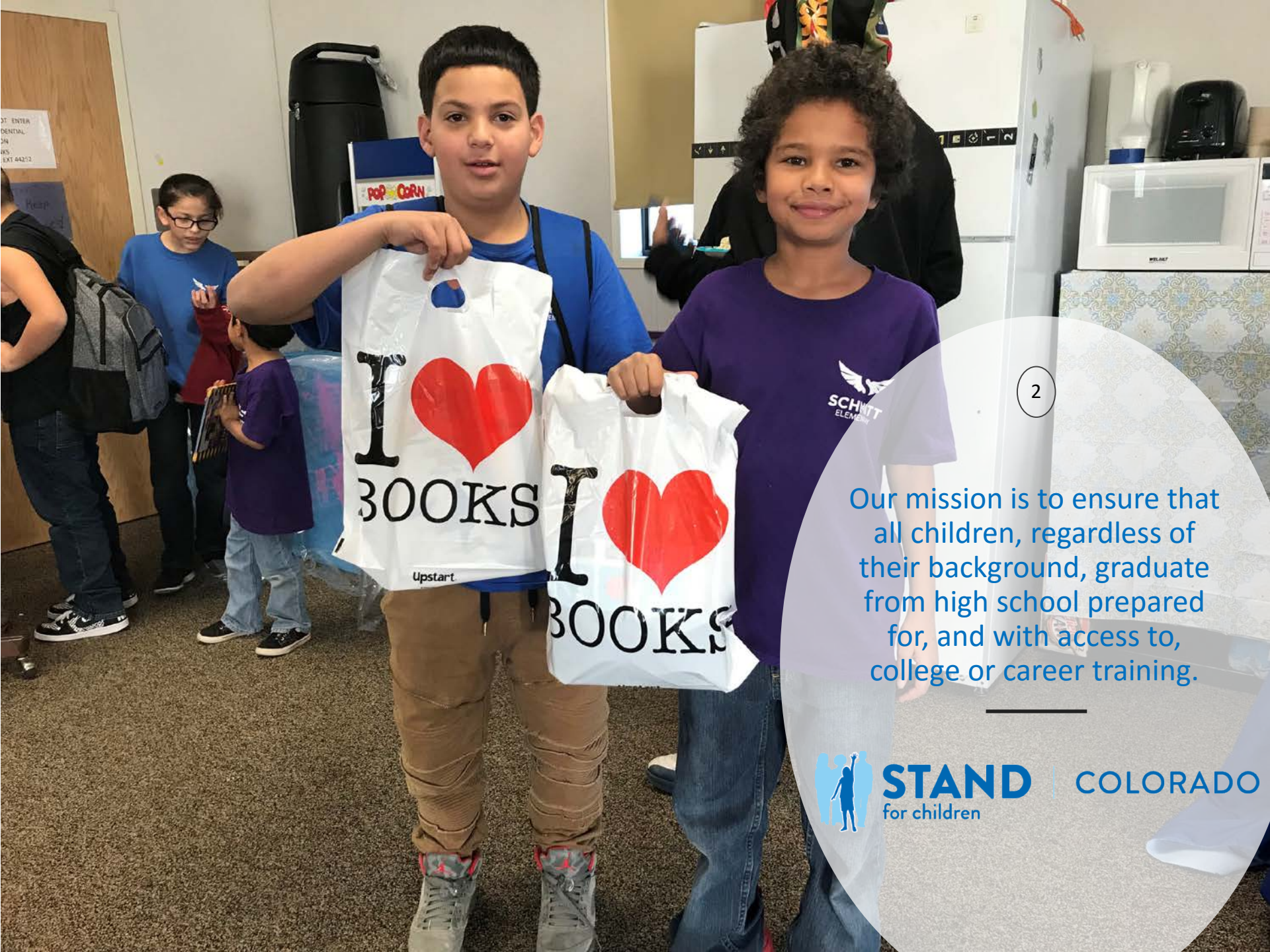




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Our mission is to ensure that all children, regardless of their background, graduate from high school prepared for, and with access to, college or career training.



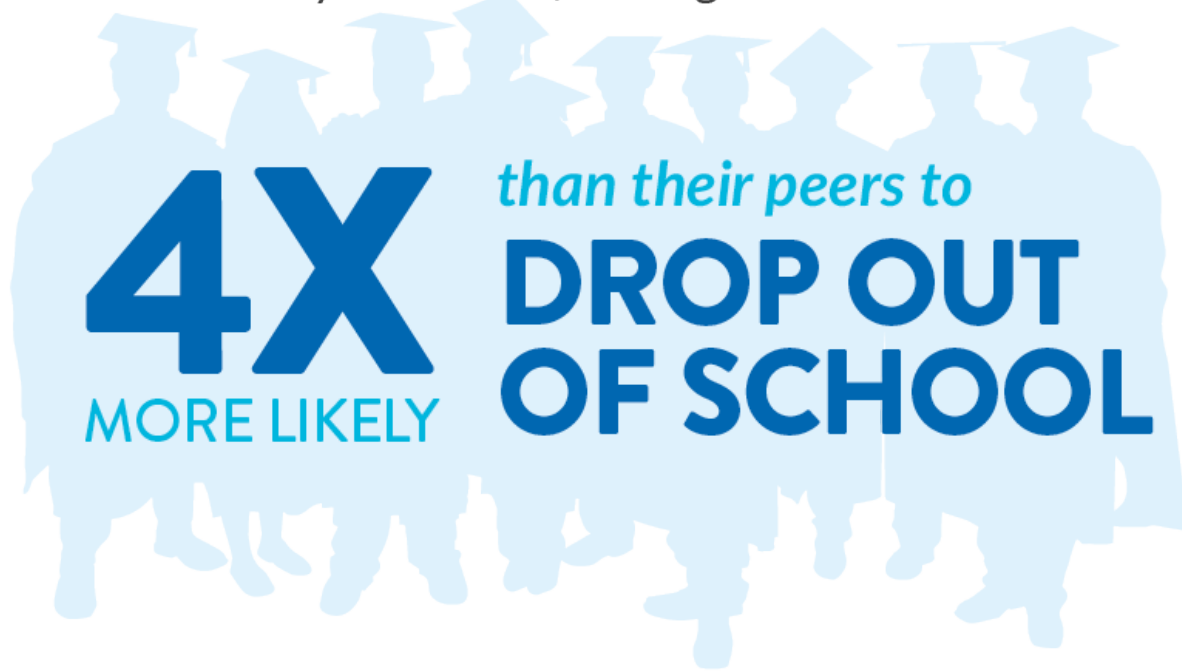
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# THE ABILITY TO READ IS CRITICAL

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*Students who cannot read proficiently  
by the end of third grade are*

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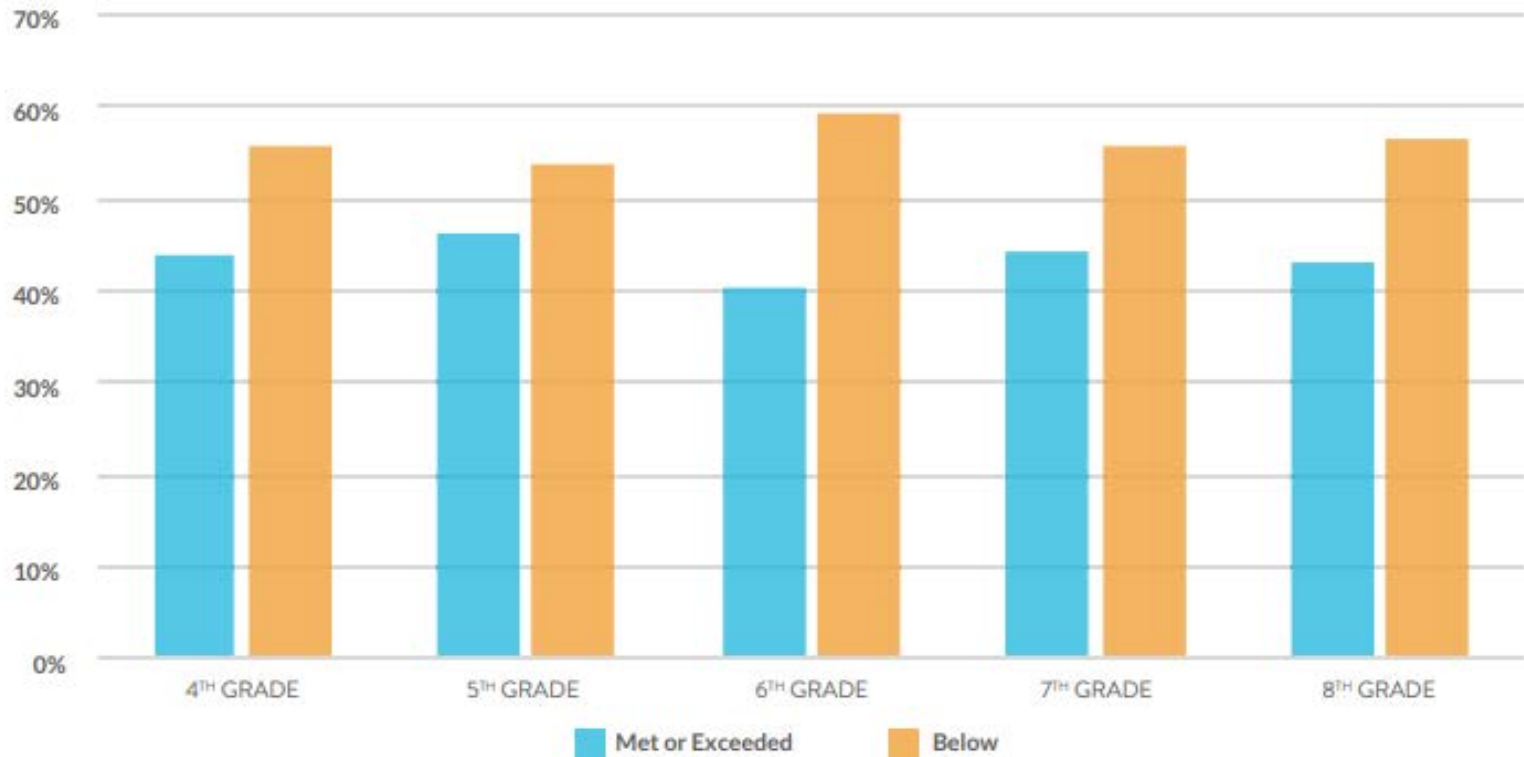
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*than their peers to*  
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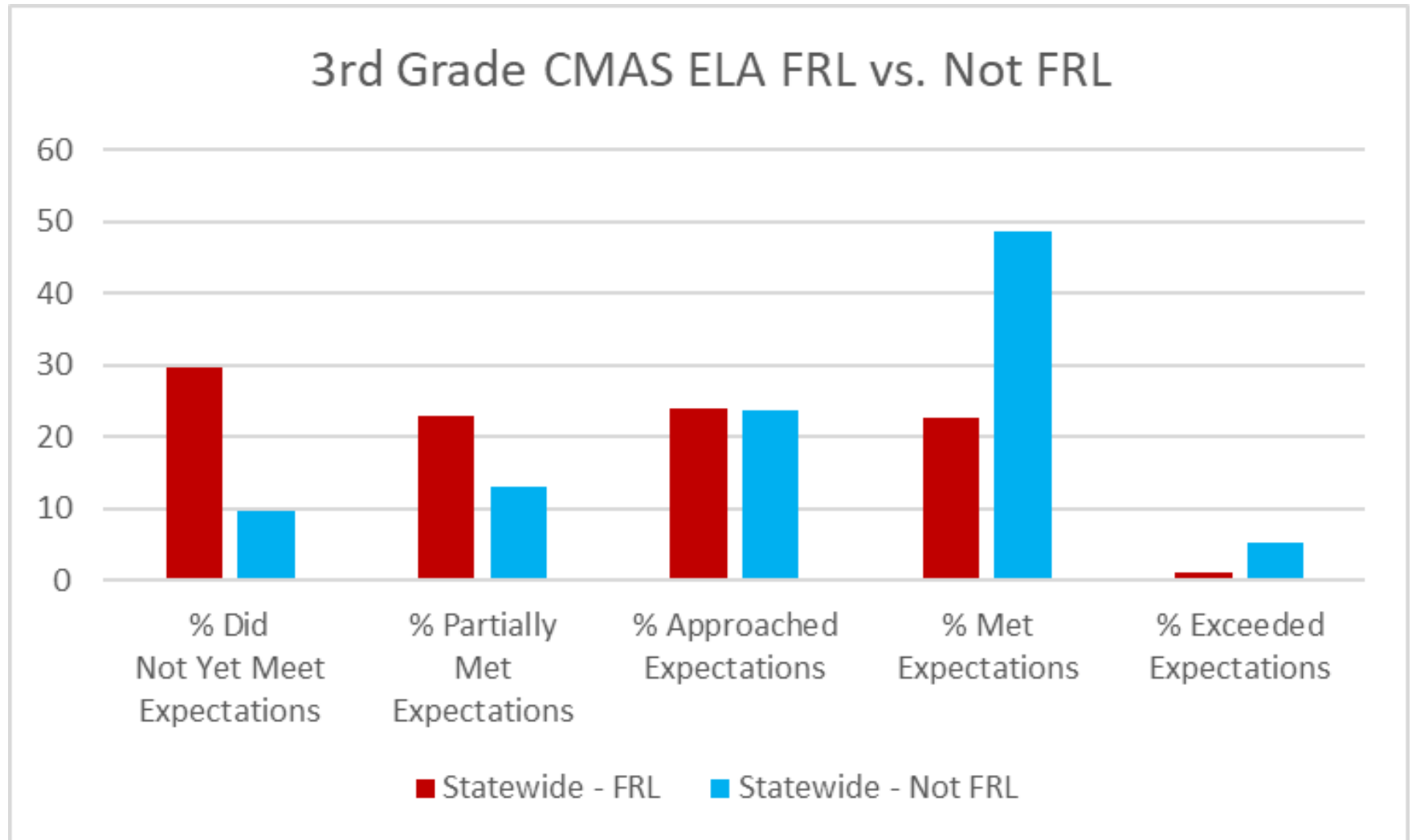
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Student Achievement on 2017 Colorado State ELA Assessments



# 23.5% OF STUDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY ARE READING PROFICIENTLY

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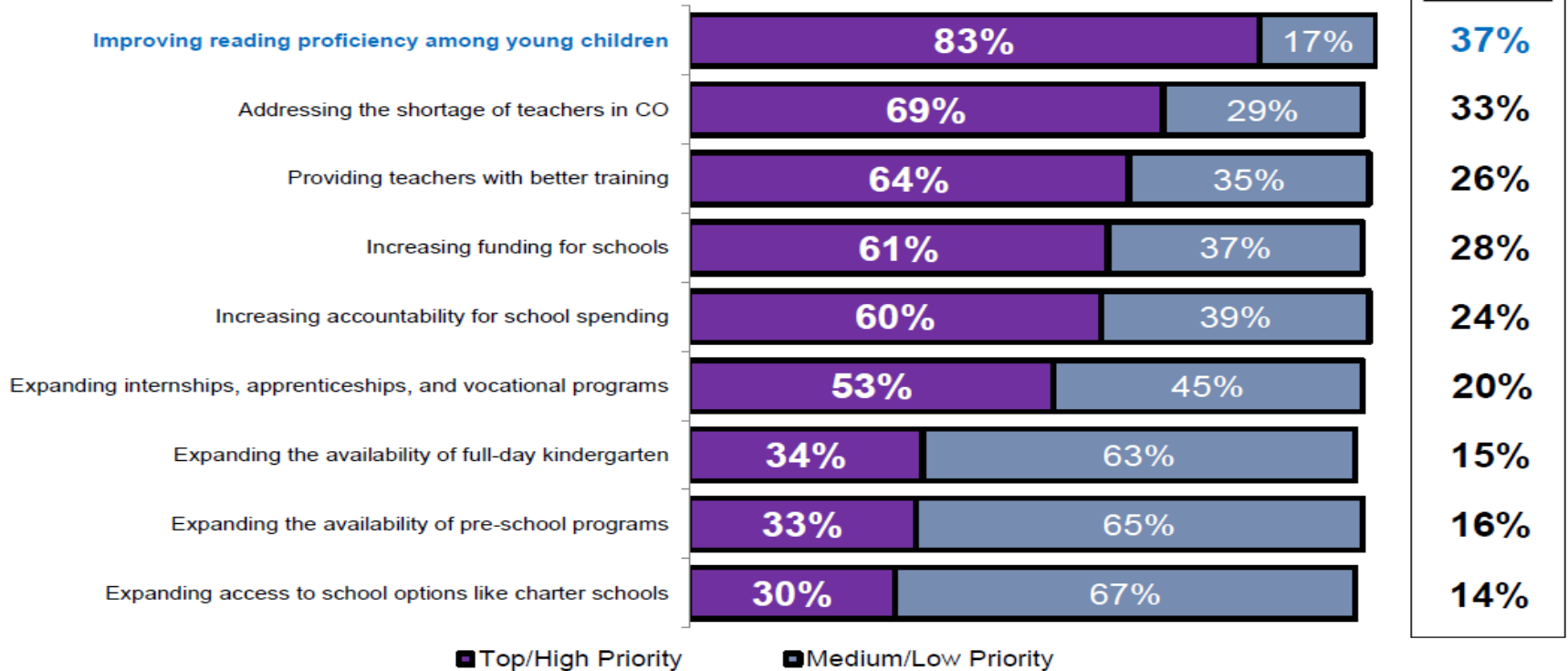


# POLLING: KEY TAKEAWAYS

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**By a wide margin, voters believe reading proficiency should be the highest priority for the state legislature.**

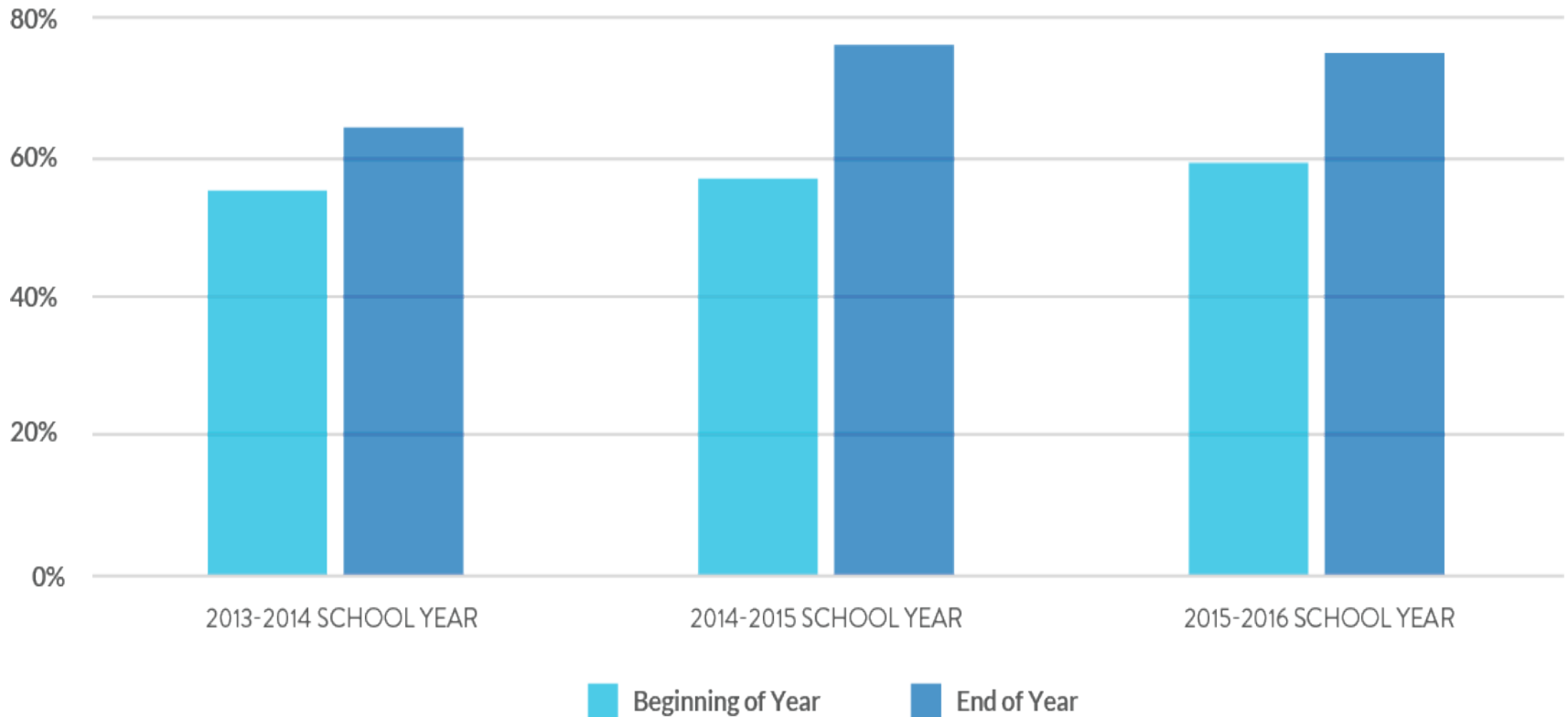
*How high of a priority should this be for the legislature?*



# THE READ ACT IS A GOOD FOUNDATION

Students' literacy skills improve when they receive the full benefits of the READ Act

## ELG Schools: Increases in K-3 Students Reading at Grade Level



<sup>1</sup> Colorado Department of Education. (2017). Annual Report on the Colorado READ Act. Denver, CO: Dorman, A. Retrieved from [www.cde.state.co.us](http://www.cde.state.co.us)

# 2018 POLICY PREVIEW

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- 1) Enhance transparency and accountability
- 2) Increase resources for teacher supports and professional development
- 3) Review and improve utilization of READ Plans
- 4) Expand Early Literacy Grants



# STAND'S OTHER FOCUS AREAS

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## Implementation:

- ▣ Ensure districts are implementing READ Act with fidelity in partnership with CDE
- ▣ Outreach to superintendents, principals, and teachers to learn about obstacles and share best practices

## Parent Engagement & Support:

- ▣ Read Now CO Parent Literacy Program- to give parents the tools to support their child's literacy at-home



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