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Sachem School District
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Superintendent
51 School Street
Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y. 11779

**Re: 2019 New York State Assembly Sponsored Summer Reading Challenge Program
In Coordination with the New York State Library Association**

Dear Dr. Kenneth Graham:

As you know, just because school is out, doesn't mean that children have to stop learning or reading. To encourage children to continue learning – through reading – during the summer weeks, the NYS Assembly in conjunction with the New York State Library sponsors a Summer Reading Challenge Program. Upon completion of the Summer Reading Challenge Program, the children will return the brochure to my office. I will then ensure that he/she receives a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate in the fall.

With your permission, and that of the Elementary School Principal, during the first two weeks in June brochures will be mailed to the elementary schools within the district that wish to participate in this program. Additional letters will be sent to Principals requesting the number of students in their schools so we can have the correct amount of brochures.

In the past years, this program was overwhelmingly successful, those children who participated in the program received Certificates either by mail or at a local library event that will include a press photo that ran in the local papers. Thank you for your anticipated participation in this exciting program.

Respectfully,

Assemblyman Douglas M. Smith
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