



1 IN 6 CHILDREN

who are not reading proficiently
in 3rd grade do not graduate from
high school on time

Students who live in poverty are three times more likely to drop out or fail to graduate on time than their more affluent peers; if they also read poorly the rate is six times greater than for proficient readers. For black and Latino students, the combined effect of poverty and poor reading skills in the third grade makes the rate for those students eight times greater.

Only 36% of Boston Public School graders performed at “proficient” or higher levels in reading

WHAT ABOUT K-8 BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

Poverty: In over half of Boston’s public K-8 schools at least **75%** of the students live in poverty.

Race: **85%** of BPS K-8 students identify as non-white.

Access to Books: There are only **30** school librarians serving the **40,000** K-8 students in BPS.



HOW DOES WONDERMORE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

By facilitating powerful interactions between the dynamic creators of children’s books and underserved K-8 students in Boston public schools, we help motivate and inspire children to become better readers and writers — improving their chances of graduating from high school on time. We also donate books by visiting authors and illustrators to students, classrooms and libraries in underserved Boston public schools, improving access to books for all students.

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“ Opportunities like these, where students get to meet authors, provides a perspective that makes the process of writing more tangible and real. Perhaps this will inspire our first graders to see themselves as future authors!

—teacher at Umana Academy,
East Boston

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