# The Impact of COVID-19 Disrupted Learning... And What You Can Do About It

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a disruption to nearly every aspect of life, including education. Research conducted by Acadience<sup>®</sup> Learning revealed a dramatic impact on the development of students' reading skills. One of the largest impacts was on foundational early literacy skills assessed in earlier grades.

# Experts found a 300% INCREASE

in the number of students who were Well Below Benchmark at the beginning of first grade.

## HERE'S HOW EDUCATORS CAN TAKE ACTION:



#### **GAUGE STUDENTS' SKILLS**

- → Immediately assess core early literacy skills
- → Utilize universal screening to detect when students need extra support
- Assess using reliable and valid tests that are sensitive to effects of intervention

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#### **TRACK STUDENT PROGRESS**

- → Remember: progress monitoring and formative evaluation has the third-largest effect on student achievement out of 138 possible influences
- → Adjust instructional elements when the data indicate it is needed
- → Use data collection as a feedback loop for teachers and students



### **UTILIZE FEDERAL FUNDS TO ADDRESS LEARNING LOSSES**

ESSER-II\* money is available to schools for summer or after-school programs, assessments, instructional resources, and technology \*Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Response (ESSER)



### **SET MEANINGFUL & ATTAINABLE GOALS**

- ightarrow Examine pathways for individual students and at the classroom level
- → Set goals that reflect the need to accelerate learning
- → Schedule time to review and act



## **WHERE TO BEGIN?**

The Acadience<sup>®</sup> Reading K–6 (previously published as DIBELS Next<sup>®</sup>) literacy assessment provides brief, formative indicators of the essential skills necessary for proficient reading in grades K–6. Acadience Reading K–6 is fast and easy to administer, detects when students need extra support, and supports the Rtl/Multi-tiered model.



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