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NABSE Partners with The Right to Read to Offer Free Documentary Screening on Juneteenth

June 15, 2023 – [The National Alliance of Black School Educators \(NABSE\)](#) is pleased to announce a partnership with the social impact campaign [The Right to Read](#) to host a free, virtual screening of the documentary on Juneteenth to amplify the importance of literacy as a civil right. This partnership is part of a focused effort to empower educators, leaders, and families across the country with evidence-based tools to improve literacy levels among children.

As the nation's premier organization dedicated to the academic success of children, particularly children of African descent, NABSE extends its outreach to a distinguished group of educators, superintendents, as well as corporate and institutional members. Together with The Right to Read, NABSE aims to highlight the literacy crisis in the U.S. and drive a collective solution to ensure that all Black students have equitable access to effective literacy instruction.

The Right to Read shares the stories of an NAACP activist, a teacher, and two American families who fight to provide our youngest generation with the most foundational indicator of life-long success: the ability to read. Experts throughout the film also discuss the current state of literacy in the United States and the importance of implementing the science of reading into classroom instruction nationwide.

"Through this partnership, we hope to ignite conversations about the urgent necessity for robust, evidence-based literacy instruction in classrooms across the United States," said Dr. Nardos King, president of NABSE. "We believe that by joining forces with The Right to Read, we can significantly move the needle in eradicating the literacy crisis and provide every child the right to read, to succeed, and to shape their future."

In addition to the screening on Juneteenth, the film is also being made available to NABSE's affiliate chapters for their local programming and efforts. The Right to Read impact campaign will also develop exclusive programming for the 51st Annual NABSE Conference, including film screenings, panel discussions, and opportunities for constructive dialogue around the issues of literacy and education equity.

The Right to Read film will be available to watch online from 12:00 a.m. ET to 11:59 p.m. PT on June 19, 2023 by registering [here](#).

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About NABSE

The National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) is a non-profit organization devoted to furthering the academic success of the nation's children - particularly children of African descent. Established in 1970, NABSE is committed to improving both the educational experiences and achievements of African American youth through the development and use of instructional and motivational methods that increase levels of inspiration, attendance, and overall achievement.

About The Right to Read

The Right to Read, directed by Jenny Mackenzie and Executive Produced by LeVar Burton is a documentary and social impact campaign that strives to bring awareness to the crucial importance of literacy as a civil right and advance the growing movement to utilize evidence-based approaches to literacy instruction in classrooms across the US. The documentary shares the stories of an activist, a teacher, and two American families who fight to provide our youngest generation with the ability to read, underscoring the importance of literacy as a civil rights issue.

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