**Background Information**

This video, *Advancing Adolescent Reading Initiative* was designed to:

- inspire thinking and conversation;
- increase dialogue regarding potential next steps in supporting student success.

We need to constantly look at, and reflect on, the barriers that impact student success and ultimate completion of high school. We need to understand the specific barriers, so we can decide on what needs to happen. This video highlights one of many projects underway in Alberta. These projects can inform capacity building in school jurisdictions to ensure success for all students.

**While Viewing the Video**

Think about the following questions as you view this video.

1. What do you hear the teachers and professors saying in the video?
2. As you listen, what themes are emerging?
3. What intrigues you about what is being said?

**After Viewing the Video**

Use the following discussion questions to inspire conversation.

1. How are we supporting adolescent reading in our school/jurisdiction/community?
2. What might be some of our next steps?

High school completion is everybody’s business, including teachers, schools, parents, students, school jurisdictions, communities and Alberta Education. We all need to support students in their efforts to complete high school.