

# *Kathryn R Epps*

Twiggs County Public Schools, in applying for the Georgia School Boards Association Leading Edge Award, recognizes the significant impact the award would have on student achievement in our county. As a retired elementary teacher and a volunteer in the Twiggs Elementary School, tutoring young readers, I realize the needs of our young students. Serving on the local Library Board, I recognize the impact our local library has on the language nutrition development of our local children and the impact reading aloud has on their lives.

Leaders in this grant program choosing to meet at the local Twiggs County Public Library during the summer months was so beneficial. Several Parents applied for or renewed their library cards. Each month they and their children left with arms filled with books. This helped all involved; the parents, the children, and the Twiggs County Public Library circulation.

As a former teacher and the wife of a former state legislator, I am so aware of the importance of education in the lives of our citizens. Having children come to school ready to learn is critical. Our county needs so much support in this area. The "Vitamin R(Reading) and L(Literacy) in the Twiggs Project" provides wonderful support for our two and three year old children and their parents in preparing them for school readiness.

It is with much HOPE that I write this letter in support of Twiggs County Schools in their application for this grant.

Thanking you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn R. Epps". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'E'.

Kathryn R Epps

Twiggs County Public Library Board Member