



foundations and other funders assures us that these local coalitions will have access to the resources needed to sustain successful efforts over time.

In closing, the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is pleased and honored to have the opportunity to take up this post-launch role. Having been inspired by the HUD/GLR memorandum of understanding to recommend the interagency collaboration and then serving as one of the initiating partners, it seems totally appropriate to stay the course and work with our partners to mobilize the local coalitions that are critical to realizing the potential and fulfilling the promise embedded in this breakthrough initiative.”

In his letter to Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr., Smith also remarked:

“The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading applauds ED and HUD for the collaborative effort to ensure more hopeful futures for children living in our nation’s public housing communities. Today’s launch of the Book-Rich Environments Initiative serves as a powerful affirmation of your commitment to leveling the playing field so that zip codes will not decide our children's future and fate.”

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**About the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading**

Launched in May 2010, the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is a collaborative effort of funders, nonprofit partners, business leaders, government agencies, states and communities across the nation to ensure that many more children from low-income families succeed in school and graduate prepared for college, a career and active citizenship. Since its launch, the campaign has grown to more than 240 communities, representing 42 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands with 2,100 local organizations (including 130 United Ways and 250 state and local funders). To learn more, visit [gradelevelreading.net](http://gradelevelreading.net) and follow us on Twitter [@readingby3rd](https://twitter.com/readingby3rd).

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