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Lead to Read KC to Host Patrick Mahomes at April 12 Reading Rally

Kansas City, MO, April 4, 2024— [Lead to Read KC](#) is hosting a Reading Rally featuring Kansas City Chiefs QB and Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes as part of his 15 and the Mahomies Foundation [Read for 15](#) program. Approximately 3,000 students from Lead to Read KC partner schools across the metropolitan area are expected to attend the rally on **Friday, April 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the T-Mobile Center.**

The event celebrates students who participated in the Read for 15 program by reading 15 minutes per day outside of school.

Patrick Mahomes and emcee Doug Walker will guide students in chants, discuss the importance of reading, and lead an interactive read-aloud with local author Kristen Heath of her children's book on inclusivity *We're All Weird!*

"I'm excited to see the kids who took the pledge to Read for 15 this year. Think about everyone all over the city grabbing a book and improving their reading skills – it's awesome!" said Patrick Mahomes. "I appreciate Lead to Read KC for their help to support the initiative and bring this event to life."

Participating students come from 19 Kansas City Public Schools and local charter schools:

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| 1. Academy for Integrated Arts | 11. Genesis School |
| 2. Academie Lafayette Cherry Campus | 12. George Melcher Elementary |
| 3. Boone Elementary | 13. George Washington Carver Dual Language School |
| 4. Center Elementary | 14. Gordon Parks Elementary |
| 5. Citizens of the World | 15. James Elementary |
| 6. Crossroads Academy - Central Street | 16. Phyllis Wheatley Elementary |
| 7. Crossroads Academy - Quality Hill | 17. Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School |
| 8. Frontier School of Innovation Elementary | 18. Trailwoods Elementary |
| 9. Garfield Elementary | 19. Wendell Phillips Elementary |
| 10. Guadalupe Centers Elementary | |

This is the fourth year that the 15 and the Mahomies Foundation and Lead to Read KC partnered on the Read for 15 initiative. More than 20,000 students have taken the challenge so far.

About Read for 15 and The 15 and the Mahomies:

15 and the Mahomies is dedicated to improving the lives of children. The Foundation supports initiatives that focus on health, wellness, communities in need of resources and other charitable causes. It was established by NFL MVP, Kansas City Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes in 2019.

About [Lead to Read KC](#)

Lead to Read KC is a children's literacy nonprofit dedicated to supporting the social, emotional and reading skills that are foundational to student success. It does this by mobilizing community volunteers, called Reading Mentors, to read one-to-one with students attending high-need elementary schools across Kansas City, as well as through its tutoring program, its Reading Is EverywhereSM community book distribution initiative, and its author visit program.

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