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Greetings Teachers!

The Florence Freedom are pleased you are participating in Liberty's Reading Team.

Building on the success of the program the past five years, we expect the 2012 version to be our most successful yet. Armed with feedback from teachers and parents, we've made some changes to the program to make it both more efficient and enjoyable. Among the most important changes:

- We will continue to use email to deliver ticket vouchers. However, instead of teachers dealing with emails, we will ask parents to provide that information directly to us.
- This year, EVERY student meeting the minimum reading requirement will earn free tickets for ALL Wednesday games!
- Teachers will not be asked to monitor student reading progress. Instead, parents will determine whether their child has met the reading requirement, providing them with an extra motivational tool for student reading. A printable reading progress chart is available for parents and teachers at the Liberty's Reading Team site.
- In recognition of the tougher economic climate, the 2012 version will allow students to earn free tickets for a companion and discounted tickets for parents as well!

To kick off the reading program, we offer a **FREE** Liberty appearance at your school. Contact me as soon as possible to schedule your Liberty appearance for your morning news programs.

We have a parent letter, with the reading chart, available on the website, for participating students. For teacher reward, your staff needs to determine the beginning and end dates of Liberty's Reading Team. All teacher reward needs to be registered on-line by May 25th, 2012. Teachers can begin the program at a time in the school year that is best for a specific classroom or grade level. If students are reading books for an in-school program like Accelerated Reader or Reading Counts, those titles can be counted for Liberty's Reading, too!

The Freedom appreciates your support of this program. **For every teacher with at least 10 student participants, we will send two vouchers for any regular season Freedom game, along with two food vouchers for a hotdog, chips and a soft drink.**

I look forward to working with your students and staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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