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Dear Students:

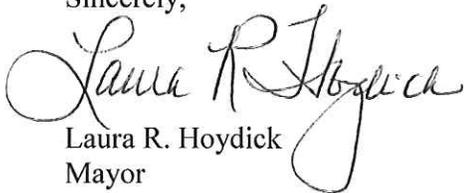
I would like to invite you to become a *Mayor's Reading Champion* by participating in the 2019 Summer Reading Challenge. The program is sponsored by the Office of the Mayor, the Stratford Library, and in partnership with Stratford Schools. Recognition as a *Champion* is open to all Stratford students entering kindergarten through grade seven.

To become a *Champion*, I ask that you read at least eight books from the summer reading list that was provided by your school or the library. The list is also available online. **Once you have achieved your goal of reading eight or more books, please ask your parent/guardian to help you register online at www.townofstratford.com/champions.** You may also register by calling the Office of the Mayor at (203) 385-4001; or by sending an email to cbandecchi@townofstratford.com.

All *Champions* who register with my office by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019**, will be honored with a *Mayor's Reading Champion* T-shirt, a certificate of recognition, and a goody bag at the Summer Reading Challenge Celebration, where *Champions* will be treated to ice cream sundaes, entertainment, and other surprises. The celebration is scheduled for **4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2019**, at the Baldwin Community Center, 1000 West Broad Street, Stratford, CT, adjacent to the Stratford Library. Please note that if you miss the T-shirt deadline, students may be registered as a *Champion* until **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2019**. Students who register after August 7th cannot receive a T-shirt, but are still welcome to attend the Summer Reading Challenge Celebration.

Over the past seven years, nearly 1,500 students have read over 15,500 books to complete the Mayor's reading challenge. It is my hope that you will join this year's Summer Reading Challenge and become a *Mayor's Reading Champion*. The Stratford Library staff and I look forward to seeing you later this summer. Happy reading!

Sincerely,



Laura R. Hoydick
Mayor

For more information, please visit www.townofstratford.com/champions