DID YOU KNOW?

That more than 400,000 Black, Latinx, and Asian public education elementary students graduate from elementary school having rarely read a book by an author of their cultural background?

That of the 140 books on the NYC Department of Education’s Reads 365 elementary school list, 8 are by Black authors, 7 by Asian authors, 6 by Latinx authors, and 1 by Native American author? The other 118 are by White authors!

The Ready New York/CCLS curriculum only has students read actual books in kindergarten and 1st grade; after that, students only read text excerpts. Of the 18 books in kindergarten and 1st grade 17 of the authors are White?

You can find these stats and more in The New York City Coalition for Educational Justice report “Chronically Absent” The Exclusion of People of Color from NYC Elementary School Curricula www.nyccej.org