



**Reading is Power: Holyoke Can Do It!**  
**Leer es Poder: ¡Holyoke Puede!**

### **Mission Statement**

The single most critical issue facing the City of Holyoke and its public schools is the inability of many of our students to read with comprehension on grade level by the end of the third grade. It is the mission of this Task Force to engage the entire community in creating a culture of literacy in Holyoke. We support the goal adopted by the Holyoke School Committee that ***85% of all Holyoke children be proficient readers by the end of third grade by 2014.*** To meet this goal, we must align the work of community organizations, families, the school system and community education providers toward a common goal. Together we will create a community of readers!