

TO: Individuals Evaluating Members of the National Reading Conference (NRC) for Tenure and Promotion

FROM: Executive Board, The National Reading Conference

SUBJ: NRC's Support for Disseminating Scholarship in Digital Outlets

The faculty member you are considering for promotion [or “promotion with tenure”] is a member of the National Reading Conference (NRC). As detailed in the attached NRC resolution passed by the NRC Board of Directors, all members of NRC are encouraged to disseminate their scholarship digitally, for example, through online, open-access journals. NRC has also passed a resolution encouraging individuals involved with promotion and tenure decisions of its members to use the same criteria when evaluating the quality of publications in online and printed outlets without automatically or unequivocally devaluing a publication simply because it is in digital form. We hope this explanation of NRC's position will assist you in making a fair and informed decision concerning one of our members.

Since 1952 NRC has been a highly regarded professional organization for literacy researchers. A large proportion of the literacy field's leading scholars and researchers are included among its members. More information about NRC can be obtained at the following address: <http://www.nrconline.org/>