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Appendix E

A large, white, serif letter 'E' is centered on a blurred, warm-toned background. The background features soft, out-of-focus patterns in shades of brown and tan, suggesting a textured surface like wood or fabric. The letter 'E' is a classic, slightly stylized serif font with a white fill and a thin black outline, standing out prominently against the muted background.

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Sweden - Grade 3 Reading Achievement

Exhibit E.1: Sweden – Selected Reading Achievement Results

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4th Grade
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Distribution of Reading Achievement - Third Grade

| Reading Achievement | Mean | Years of Formal Schooling | Average Age | 5th Percentile (Scale Score) | 25th Percentile (Scale Score) | 50th Percentile (Scale Score) | 75th Percentile (Scale Score) | 95th Percentile (Scale Score) |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Overall | 520 (2.7) | 3 | 9.8 | 379 (5.1) | 473 (3.8) | 527 (4.0) | 573 (2.6) | 632 (3.0) |
| Literary | 523 (2.9) | 3 | 9.8 | 383 (5.7) | 477 (4.9) | 530 (4.0) | 576 (2.0) | 638 (2.5) |
| Informational | 514 (2.7) | 3 | 9.8 | 371 (4.4) | 465 (4.3) | 521 (2.6) | 570 (2.2) | 633 (2.2) |

Gender Differences in Reading Achievement - Third Grade

| Reading Achievement | Girls Mean | Boys Mean | Difference |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Overall | 530 (3.0) | 509 (3.0) | 21 (2.7) |
| Literary | 537 (3.1) | 509 (3.3) | 28 (3.0) |
| Informational | 521 (2.8) | 507 (3.1) | 14 (2.6) |

Percentages of Students Reaching International Benchmarks in Reading

| Benchmark | Top 10% | Top Quarter | Top Half | Bottom Quarter |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------|----------|----------------|
| Percent of Students | 9 (0.8) | 27 (1.2) | 59 (1.4) | 86 (1.1) |

SOURCE: IEA Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2001.

() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

