



Dyslexia BC

August/September 2023

RE: You're Invited to Say Dyslexia at the BC Legislature October 3, 2023!!

Dyslexia BC is a grassroots organization of parents and students concerned with the limited access to resources for individuals with dyslexia in British Columbia.

We are inviting you to an event that is scheduled for **October 3rd, 2023** called "**Say Dyslexia at the BC Legislature**".

Dyslexia BC has sponsored a proclamation for **October 1st** to the **8th** to be designated **Dyslexia Week** by the **City of Victoria**. We have a host of people, many of them students in K-12 and post secondary, talking about dyslexia between 12:05 pm - 12:50 pm in front of the BC Legislature.

Dyslexia is overlooked completely in our education system in BC and is the biggest cause of school failure. 80% of our street youth have dyslexia and our incarceration systems are plagued with people with learning disabilities (LD).

Currently the **BC curriculum is using outdated literacy practices** and to reach more learners we need to start using structured literacy in all classrooms. Switching to **structured literacy** (also known as the science of reading) **will increase the number of students learning to read in a mainstream classroom from ~40% to ~80%**.

The BC "**Report on the Budget 2024 Budget Consultation**" was just released and it recommends "**Support students with dyslexia by offering structured literacy programs and providing targeted funding and mandatory dyslexia screening starting in kindergarten.**" Structured literacy **can be used in all classrooms** and will **increase literacy rates** immensely. **To reach the dyslexic students structured literacy provided in programs with more intensity would be necessary.**

For individuals with dyslexia to gain equitable access in BC the government will need to:

- **screen** for dyslexia as **early** as kindergarten;
- **use structured literacy** in **all** classrooms;
- provide **access to diagnosis**;
- provide **access to assistive technology** and other resources
- ensure that **teachers know** how to **identify dyslexia** and **provide/find** the necessary **support**.

Dyslexia BC and the families that we support would love to see **funding, policy and legislation** tailored to ensure that **individuals with dyslexia gain more access to education, community and the workforce**.

You are invited!

“SAY DYSLEXIA”



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BC LEGISLATURE**



**501 Belleville St.
Victoria, BC
October 3, 2023
12:05pm - 12:50pm**

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