



Meeting with the Honourable Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Childcare

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Dyslexia BC's Main Goal: Equitable Access for Individuals with Learning Disabilities (LD) in British Columbia, irrespective of age.

How do we think this can be achieved?

With Legislation and Policy to:

- **Screen** for dyslexia in KG (with funding)*
- Use **structured literacy** in All classrooms*
- **Teacher training**
- **Specialized Literacy Centers in each district**
- **Access to Diagnosis** MSP (only disability that has to pay) and remediation
- **Access to Diagnosis or at least screening to get supports as an adult**

-Most people here have had to pay for a private assessment, remediation, and for private resources.

- There are only a couple of BC districts that provide remedial centers for learning disabilities, but they are not monitored for quality and it is unclear how effective they are.
- All of these remedial centers are in the Lower Mainland.*
- The private centers and schools are not monitored for quality either. Parents are left trying to choose what's best without unbiased support.
- The cost is 2 to 3 times as much as regular tutoring and the private schools are substantially more expensive than the regular private schools.
- Many of the charities and nonprofits that provide services for students with learning disabilities are biased because they are backed by companies that provide services for dyslexia.

Everyone here will each tell you the number one reason why they want change in BC.

Thank you for meeting with us!