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SAY DYSLEXIA AT THE BC LEGISLATURE

VICTORIA, BC - September 26, 2023 - Dyslexia BC is thrilled to announce the upcoming event, **Say Dyslexia at the BC Legislature**, taking place on **October 3, 2023**, from **12:00 pm to 12:45 pm**. The event will be held in front of the Legislature building located at 501 Belleville Street, Victoria, BC.

This event is shortly after the release of *The Report on the Budget 2024 Budget Consultation* by the *BC Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services* in August.

The report recommended; **"Support students with dyslexia by offering structured literacy programs and providing targeted funding and mandatory dyslexia screening starting in kindergarten."**

Say Dyslexia at the BC Legislature aims to raise awareness and advocate for changes in legislation, policies, and funding to support individuals affected by dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities in BC. With approximately 1 in 5 people in BC impacted by dyslexia, it is crucial to ensure equitable access to resources with early intervention and evidence-based instruction.

The event will feature a distinguished lineup of speakers, including **Dr. David Chalk**, a passionate advocate for aligning reading practices in Canada with the science of reading and **Tracy Humphries** from BC Ed Access and **Rick Moore** from Canada's Landmark Human Rights Decision. Additionally, students like **Finn** and **Tierney**, who are currently enrolled in K-12 programs in BC, will share their experiences; as well as reading expert **Dr. Steve Truch**, who is the Director and Founder of the Reading Foundation.

During the **Legislative Assembly's** lunch break, attendees will gather in front of the Legislature, providing a unique opportunity for legislators to hear our calls for equitable access to education for students with dyslexia and learning disabilities in BC.

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About *Dyslexia BC*:

Dyslexia BC is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to supporting individuals with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities in British Columbia. Through advocacy, education, and resources, Dyslexia BC strives to create a more inclusive and accessible learning environment for all.