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### DYSLEXIA AND LITERACY MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS TO BE TABLED AT THE AGM's OF THE BCSTA AND BCCPAC

**Vancouver BC**, April 21, 2023, - **Dyslexia BC** is very pleased that both the **British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA)** and the **BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)** will be tabling motions/resolutions to address dropping reading rates in their respective spring 2023 Annual General Meetings.

**The North Vancouver Board of Education (NO.44)** has forwarded a motion to table at the **BCSTA AGM** titled "Learning Disability (Dyslexia) and Policy/Guidelines for Screening in Kindergarten." **The Kootney Lake DPAC (SD8)** has brought forth 2 resolutions to the **BCCPAC** related to reading and the treatment of learning disabilities and struggling readers. The first resolution is "Replacing all Reading Programs to Align with the Science of Reading;" and the second is for "Literacy Centers, Funding and Policy".

The motions/resolutions tabled will greatly increase (if implemented properly) reading and writing levels across the province and will greatly improve educational and remedial access for students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities (LD). The motions/resolutions also fall in line with the **BC Education Mandate Letter** released on **December 7th, 2023**.

**The Ministry of Education in BC** has a mission for all students to "develop their individual potential and to acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to contribute to a healthy society and a prosperous and sustainable economy."

**Dyslexia BC** is confident that with the use of funded structured literacy in mainstream, virtual and special education classrooms; and the appropriate policy for the use of structured literacy coming from the **Ministry of Education** as well as updated special needs policy for learning disabilities; our province and all students, including students with learning disabilities; will have better access resulting in improved academic outcomes and all students will reach their potential.

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The Dyslexia Society of BC (Dyslexia BC) is a non-profit association driven by BC families concerned with the limited access to educational interventions and resources for dyslexia within British Columbia within education, community and the workplace.