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DYSLEXIA IN THE BC LEGISLATURE

VICTORIA, BC, April 3, 2023, - Dyslexia BC was happy to hear that in the legislature during the Budget Estimates on March 28, 2023 concerns were raised in the legislature about literacy rates dropping in the Province.

This is something we should all be concerned about. Success in adulthood has been clearly linked to positive literacy functioning at an early age.

On December 7th, 2023 dyslexia was mentioned in a mandate letter; however there was no follow-up by the Minister. The reason is now clear.

The government has been misleading, it has in fact cut the special needs designation Q (learning disabilities) across the province by the implementation of the 2019 arbitration decision.

We are calling on the government to stop and reverse the decision to implement this arbitration decision and use the surplus to fund Q designation and programs for all learning disabilities so children across BC can thrive and achieve their full reading potential. Students with learning disabilities like dyslexia commonly have high IQs and can only achieve their potential if they have access to early, targeted remediation, which is not available currently in BC schools.

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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.