

Template Letter for School Trustee Candidates October 2026 Election

[NAME]

[COMMUNITY / MUNICIPALITY]

[PARENT/CAREGIVER OF A STUDENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICT #__]

[EMAIL]

[OPTIONAL PHONE NUMBER]

Subject: Questions About Support for Students with Dyslexia and Other Learning Disabilities

Dear [CANDIDATE NAME],

I am writing as a parent and constituent in [SCHOOL DISTRICT] to ask about your priorities for students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities as you run for school trustee.

Students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities can face significant barriers to learning when their needs are not identified and appropriate support is not provided. Families across British Columbia continue to report challenges accessing assessments, evidence-based literacy instruction, appropriate accommodations, and consistent support at school.

Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, and access to appropriate support should not depend on which school or district they attend.

[OPTIONAL: Add a short paragraph about your child's experience and the challenges your family has faced.]

I recognize that school districts work within provincial policies and funding structures. However, school boards have an important role in ensuring students receive appropriate support, monitoring educational outcomes, listening to families, and advocating for change when the current system is not meeting students' needs.

As a school trustee candidate, I would appreciate your response to the following questions:

1. What would you do to ensure that students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities receive appropriate, evidence-based instruction, interventions, accommodations, and ongoing monitoring of their progress?
2. How would you ensure that students' needs are addressed at every grade level, including students who are already struggling or have been diagnosed, rather than focusing only on early screening for younger students?
3. Would you support advocating for provincial action, including a province-wide public review of how students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities are identified, supported, and accommodated? If so, what changes would you like to see?

4. How would you ensure that parents and students have a meaningful voice in school district decisions and that families have a clear process for raising concerns when appropriate supports are not being provided?

I understand that trustees cannot resolve every issue independently. However, I believe they can play an important role in improving outcomes for students and advocating for the resources, policies, and accountability needed to support them.

I would appreciate a written response before [DATE] so that I can better understand your priorities and consider them when deciding how to vote.

Thank you for your time and for your willingness to serve our community.

Sincerely,
[NAME]

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