



# Decoding Dyslexia Minnesota

## Constituent comments on current literacy climate

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- Deeply concerning there aren't accountability and oversight measures in place. Each school is implementing reading instruction based on the knowledge and expertise of the curriculum director and support staff. This varies greatly from school to school. Thus the inconsistencies in instruction and poor results for our State with an ever-increasing achievement gap.
- We need to have experts trained in the Science of Reading instruction to provide a list of vetted curriculums, PD, and resources that ensure they meet the criteria listed in Statute.
- When schools are not able to demonstrate they have selected an approved reading curriculum and are not demonstrating progress, they need specific support from experts on how to do so.
- Oversight and accountability measures need to be in place for reading instruction that meets the standards we have put in place. Or we will continue to have schools that are not able to meet the needs of students and their basic right to Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE). This creates inequity and perpetuates discrimination practices in our State.
- I work in a school district. Screening is a nice thought, but NOTHING has changed for students with dyslexia. Schools are simply not able to identify or provide the support needed. Parents aren't notified if the child fails or is flagged in the screening.
- Screening should have been done decades ago. It should be as routine as kindergarten screening. Just one more burden placed on parents to fix at private cost.
- Child Find is the school's responsibility. Why are they not skilled to do so? Why are parents overburdened with it?
- I work in the district my son attends and had to fight tooth and nail for the identification, evaluations, and mediocre accommodations. All because he didn't fit the criteria to be screened—was categorized as EBD.
- The law and the "locally determined manner" are highly vague. I can see that it gives too much room to effectively carry out the intention of the law.