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Department of Education

Dyslexia Working Group Meeting

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Today's Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Participant Updates
- CDE Updates
- Progress on Recommendations from DWG in Prior Years
- BREAK
- Small Groups refine 2024 recommendations
- LUNCH 12:15-12:45
- Feedback on recommendations
- Return to small groups to revise and finalize recommendations
- Final DWG approval
- Prep for Next Year
- Public Comment
- Closing/Next Steps



Norms for Public Participation (Virtual)

- Members of the public are welcome to attend as observers/ listeners but not to participate (except during the public comment period toward end of meeting).
- Members of public must remain muted during the meeting (except during public comment).
- If you choose to speak during public comment, introduce yourself and where you are from. If you are speaking on behalf of an organization, identify the organization and your association.
- Public comments should be brief (no more than 3 minutes).
- Using the chat function during DWG meetings is not allowed and will be disabled.
- Be aware that screenshots and videography are not allowed.
- DWG members do not respond to public comments during this segment of the meeting





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Overview of Dyslexia Working Group and ELSR Partnership

Office of Elementary Literacy and School Readiness (ELSR)



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- In response to the DWG and Dyslexia Pilot recommendations, leadership realized our office needed a dedicated liaison to address the intersectionality of our work.
- In this role, I am the point-person for the ELSR office and cross-departmental collaboration with dyslexia work.
- I will continue current work as a Senior Literacy Consultant (Teacher Training, Data Support, Program Reviews, Field Support, etc.)
- Commitment to ongoing education in dyslexia and related content while maintaining my CALP





House Bill 19-1134 and SB 19-199 (Colorado READ Act)

- ELSR staff reallocation to specifically embed appropriate DWG and Dyslexia Pilot recommendations into the larger scope of work within our office
- DWG Screening and Evaluation Recommendations
- DWG Best First Instruction Recommendations
- Continued Professional Development & Awareness of Dyslexia





Currently working with Amplify on:

- Dyslexia screening and diagnostic guidance on when to administer
- Providing guidance and building knowledge of the additional dyslexia screening tools (RAN, LNF correlation, grade-level appropriateness)
- Building strong data and root cause analysis protocols to target and improve instruction in Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III settings
- Using comprehensive data on five components and diagnostic to analyze when dyslexia risk is indicated

Currently building CDE guidance on incorporating data from grade-level indicators of dyslexia within a body of evidence, especially after dyslexia screening conducted through approved interim and diagnostic assessments. This includes incorporating DWG grade-level indicator work and the Colorado Dyslexia Handbook.

Collaborating with CDE offices on developing messaging and trainings around additional dyslexia screening considerations for different populations of students including twice exceptional and exceptional students with disabilities.





Dyslexia Working Group Recommendations: ELSR & Best First Instruction

DWG Best First Instruction Recommendations

- READ Act K-12 Teacher Training (22-004 4-12 Reading Specialists)
- Science of Reading Literacy Series (extension/job-embedded training specific to each component of reading)
- UIP reviews, specifically around students determined to have an SRD
- Provide district-initiated support on developing strong systems and structures through regional support
- Address resource overlap (incorporate DWG recommended resources onto ELSR sites *in addition* to their placement on ESSU and Educator Talent pages)





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STRONG FOUNDATIONS

- Cross-mapping appropriate DWG recommendations to existing ELSR work
- Supporting cross-departmental dyslexia work
- Finding areas of DWG and Dyslexia Pilot recommendation implementation that fall under ELSR's scope of work

JUNE

- Develop appropriate deliverables derived from DWG recommendations that fall under ELSR's scope of work
- Develop targeted support based off May ELAT collaboration with districts
- Continue building partnership with Dyslexia Working Group
- Continued CDE cross-departmental support and collaboration

JULY

Ongoing work with Colorado and other state models with legislative dyslexia initiatives





Thank you

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In your small groups:

- 1. Review the recommendation ideas you drafted during the last meeting [Template for 2024 DWG Recommendations]
- 2. Revise your recommendations, keeping in mind additional information provided by CDE and tips for writing good recommendations
- 3. Post refined recommendations on flip chart paper.



In your small groups, review the other group's work and discuss:

- Is there anything that needs clarification? More detail?
- Is the audience clear?
- Is it in the DWG lane?
- Is it feasible?
- Who has decision making authority?

Use sticky notes to document your group's ideas and feedback



SMALL GROUP TASK 3 – REVISE & FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS

In your small groups, review the feedback and update the recommendations (using the electronic template).







Thank you!

