



**Dyslexia Working Group**  
**January 20, 2023**  
**Meeting Summary**

**TIME AND LOCATION:**

Friday, January 20, 2023 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
ZOOM

**ATTENDEES:**

Group members: Jay Mayer, Jenny Imel, Jenny Urbach, Laura Swanson, Laura Santerre-Lemon, Michelle Qazi, Sarah Huffman, Selena Roth, Sierra Loar, Kathy Grubb

CDE: Floyd Cobb, Anji Gallanos, Ellen Hunter, Joanna Bruno, Rachael Lovendahl,

Facilitators: Betsy Kummer, Kara Schmitt

Public: Amy Dobronyi, Laura Mitchell, Lindsay Drakos, Erin Sain

**MEETING OBJECTIVES**

- Provide clarity to the DWG on their role within the context of the legislative process
- To be informed of updates about the Dyslexia Pilot
- Continued small group work

**MEETING ACTIVITIES**

**CDE Updates**

- a. Professional Development reviews
  - i. CDE is conducting a review of vendors/ districts who wish to be included on the READ Act Advisory Lists for the Administrator Training and the K-12 teacher Training (20 or 5 hr training).  
<https://www.cde.state.co.us/coloradoliteracy/trailltosummitprogram>
  - ii. Expansion to K-12 training, webinars started yesterday with vendors and districts to be added to these lists for teacher and admin training, this is the list for districts to select from additional options(not free training) webinars have been recorded if folks want to see what is being requested of vendors (links)  
<https://www.cde.state.co.us/coloradoliteracy/2023-readact-professional-development-review-process>

- iii. The ELSR team will be hosting a training, “Trail to Summit” learning event for Colorado districts. More information is here:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/coloradoliteracy/trailtosummitprogram>.

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/coloradoliteracy/readact/assessmenttool>

- iv. CDE will host Office Hours to support field understanding of the upcoming training requirements for teachers and administrators

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/coloradoliteracy/elsrliteracyteam-officehours>

- b. Commissioner transition update- December announcement Kathe stepping down in July. State Board of Education- New board chair/ vice chair: Rebecca McClellan chair, Lisa Escarcega vice chair, 3 new board members- Rhonda Solis 8th congressional district, Kathy Plomer - at large seat, Stephen Varela replaced Joyce Rankin (stepped down)

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeboard>

[https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeboard/board\\_member\\_profiles](https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeboard/board_member_profiles)

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/newsrelease-newboardmembervarela>

### **DWG Role/ Legislative process**

CDE - Policy implementation role, maintain neutral role, do not advocate or oppose bill without direction from board, can provide info to state legislators to better inform bill, cost to implement (i.e. staffing etc., fiscal notes included) JBC has to review cost- this can sometimes change ideal way to amended way based on cost.

\*Board primarily monitoring

### **Pilot Update- Nancy Nelson**

- Training is done and schools are reviewing data and supports for students
- 2 phases of dyslexia screening - screening “lite” followed by dyslexia-specific screening (family history, reading), then intensification phase
- <https://www.cde.state.co.us/coloradoliteracy/coloradodyslexiapilotprogram>

### **Working Time**

Attendees worked in small groups, ( for the priority areas of teacher training, educator prep, and assessment). Each small group addressed these questions:

1. What issues/ topics related to your priority area might have a “legislative fix?”
2. What advocacy groups are you aware of that are potentially either for or against that “legislative fix”.
3. What individuals/ legislators are you aware of that have interest in the legislative fix?  
*Does anyone in DWG have an existing relationship with this individual?*
4. What issues/ topics might this group influence outside of the legislative process?

### **March Meeting:**

- It will be held on Friday, March 3rd (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) on Zoom
- The DWG recommended that the agenda be focused on time for committee work.