

March 16, 2015

Dear Oregon Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing in support of SB 612.

As a former teacher principal and school district superintendent I can attest to the serious impact of dyslexia on the learning process. Education and the training of teachers regarding early identification and appropriate strategies in dealing with this disability is essential. The employment of specialists who can work with students and train staff will provide a strong foundation.

Given the numbers of children who are affected by this condition, it is unlikely that significant improvement in achievement scores and graduation rates can be realized without attending to this matter.

I am hopeful that all interested parties will actively support this legislation. We know that dyslexia is treatable and we have the technology to do so. Immediate action will benefit both students and their families.

Sincerely,

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