

**ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is a specific learning disorder that is neurological in origin, characterized by unexpected difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities that are not consistent with the person's intelligence, motivation, and sensory capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia may cause difficulties in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has acknowledged that 15-20% of the population has a language-based learning disability and that dyslexia is the most common cause of reading, writing and spelling difficulties; and

**WHEREAS**, literacy is skill critical for students to be prepared for academic, occupational, personal and practical challenges of life in a dynamic global environment; and

**WHEREAS**, students with dyslexia face significant barriers to academic achievement and student well-being as a result of their disability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Issaquah School District is committed to raising the achievement of all learners regardless varied ability and is committed to promote the identification and removal of barriers causing predictability and disproportionality of the highest and lowest achieving groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the Issaquah School District is committed to developing and maintaining early screening for dyslexia and a comprehensive literacy program that provides explicit, systematic and multisensory instruction and evidence-based early interventions to meet the needs of students with dyslexia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Issaquah School District believes that with inclusive learning environments and multi-tiered systems of support, students with dyslexia can achieve academic success and personal wellbeing within our schools;

**NOW THEREFORE**, *we, the Issaquah School Board, proclaim October 2020 as*

**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

*in the Issaquah School District.*

We encourage all families, students, administrators, teachers and staff to join us in this special observance.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

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President

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Director

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Ron Thiele, Secretary to the Board

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Director