

Alaska Legislative Task Force on Reading Proficiency and Dyslexia

AGENDA

Monday, November 19, 2018

Anchorage LIO Denali Conference Room, 1500 W. Benson Blvd.

Internet Stream: <http://akleg.gov/index.php#tab5>

1:00 p.m.	Call to Order
	Opening/Introductions
1:05 p.m.	Skit by Decoding Dyslexia Kids
1:10 p.m.	Nancy Duggan, Decoding Dyslexia, Massachusetts
2:10 p.m.	Break
2:25 p.m.	Q & A with Nancy Duggan
2:45 p.m.	Audie Alumbaugh, Decoding Dyslexia, Arkansas
3:45 p.m.	Break
4:00 p.m.	Q & A with Audie Alumbaugh

HOMEWORK

Please listen to the first 2 of this four part NPR series on dyslexia broadcasted in 2016.

Part 1:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2016/11/28/502601662/millions-have-dyslexia-few-understand-it>

Part 2:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2016/11/29/503693391/researchers-study-what-makes-dyslexic-brains-different>

Please watch this important debate that demonstrates the divide amongst reading professors in Australia, and which shows that the silos in reading instruction is a problem globally:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snUNsYfrxjY>

Attached, and on BASIS for meeting three, please read the Youman and Mather 2018 update on dyslexia laws in the USA.

Attached and on BASIS please read *By Focusing on Dyslexia, We Address the Needs of All Children*, By Rick Smith, CEO, and Jennifer Topple, Board Chair, International Dyslexia Association.

Attached, and on BASIS, please read the “Overview of State Reading Screening Requirements, Practices and Research.”

Finally, please watch the video linked below, in which Dr. Vinnie Alfonso, Dean the School of Education at Gonzaga University, speaks to the need for Universal Screening for reading that is critical to helping struggling readers, and the cost savings in our schools when it is done well:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64eCpKc03P0&feature=youtu.be>