

Proclamation

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, dyslexia is the most common learning disability in the United States, with a prevalence of 12-20% of individuals, occurring on a continuum of severity, and is persistent and life-long; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a specific learning disability, that is neurobiological in origin, typically due to a deficit in the phonological component of language, and is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities; and

WHEREAS, literacy is a skill critical for students to be prepared for academic, occupational, personal and practical challenges throughout life; and

WHEREAS, students with dyslexia face barriers to academic achievement and student wellbeing as a result of their disability; and

WHEREAS, Adams 12 Five Star Schools is committed to the early identification of significant reading deficiencies and dyslexic-like indicators and the development and maintenance of a comprehensive literacy program that provides evidence-based, explicit, systematic and structured reading instruction and interventions to meet the needs of students with dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, Adams 12 Five Star Schools 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education, proclaim the month of October 2023 as **DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH** in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting on October 4, 2023.