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FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUPT'S EMAIL: October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

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In recognition of **Dyslexia Awareness Month**, the Virginia Department of Education is offering two informational webinars designed for Virginia teachers, administrators, and parents. Presenters are experts in the fields of dyslexia and reading. To accommodate the schedules of participants, these live webinars will be evening sessions. Webinar information and links to join are below. Additional [dyslexia information and resources](#) are available on the Virginia Department of Education's website.

- [Recent Research on the Language Basis of Dyslexia: Assessment and Intervention Implications](#)

Date and time: **October 12, 2022, 6:30-8 p.m.**

This session will review research on the language basis of dyslexia through developmental and historical lenses. Dyslexia and its commonly co-occurring learning differences will be described with a focus on early identification and intervention within the context of current legislation and advocacy.

*Presenter:* Tiffany P. Hogan, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston, Massachusetts; Director of the Speech and Language (SAiL) Literacy Lab; and Research Associate at Harvard University.

- [Families and Schools Partnering for Children's Literacy Success](#)

Date and time: **October 26, 2022, 7-8 p.m.**

This session will provide information to help families and schools work together to support children's literacy success in and out of school. Participants will learn a) tips for starting or enhancing discussions about literacy instruction and intervention, b) ways to increase joint understanding of evidence-based literacy practices, and c) strategies for addressing concerns about children's literacy development together. Free evidence-based resources to support family-school literacy partnerships from the National Center on Improving Literacy (NCIL) will be overviewed.

*Presenter:* Dr. Sarah Sayko is a Senior Research Associate at Research Making Change (RMC) Research Corporation in Arlington, Virginia. She is also the Deputy Director and leads the Parent and Family Strand of NCIL.

### **For more information**

If you have questions about the webinars, contact Kim Bausum-Brown, Dyslexia and Specialized Reading Specialist, by email at [Kim.Bausum-Brown@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Kim.Bausum-Brown@doe.virginia.gov), or by telephone at (804) 225-2080.

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