

# 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 2021 as **DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH** in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

**Approved and adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of October 6, 2021.**