

August 23, 2024

Greetings –

Make Your Voice Heard! – Testify Before The New York State Education Department Dyslexia and Dysgraphia Task Force

An important opportunity to share your dyslexia story and impact the future of education in New York State is coming up in September.

Thanks to the advocacy efforts of so many people across the State, my Dyslexia Task Force Act (A.133/S.2599) was signed into law by the Governor in December of 2023. The Task Force, which began meeting this May, is chaired by the State Education Commissioner and consists of experts, educators, family members of and individuals with dyslexia and dysgraphia. The law requires the Task Force to examine appropriate and effective evidence-based screening methods, reading interventions and other educational supports for dyslexia and dysgraphia for students in kindergarten through grade five and then issue a report regarding its findings and recommendations. As part of its work the Task Force will be holding public hearings this fall.

The Task Force needs to hear from a wide range of New Yorkers! <u>Sign-up to testify by filling out this</u> form indicating which day you can make.

The hearings are scheduled as follows:

- September 16, 2024, 6:00pm-9:00pm at Chancellor's Hall, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY
- September 23, 2024, 6:00pm-9:00pm (Virtual / Zoom)
- October 01, 2024, 6:00pm-9:00pm at The Windward School, 212 E 93rd St., New York, NY

I am grateful to all who have engaged with my office regarding the Task Force and look forward to continuing to work to ensure all New York State's children get the literacy education they deserve.

Green-Wood Cemetery Photo Contest

Whether you're a novice or an expert photographer, Green-Wood and their contest co-host Brooklyn-based Printique/Adorama, want to see what you see through your lens when you visit this amazing New York landmark. All entries must be submitted by Friday, August 30. Ten willing photographs will be displayed in an outdoor photo exhibition at Green-Wood this fall. Learn more and upload your photo submission here.

If you have any concerns about any legislative or community issue, please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

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