



**MINISTER
OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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To: Superintendents of School Divisions
Directors of First Nations Education Authorities
Principals of Funded Independent Schools
Student Services Administrators

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of The Honourable Brian Pallister, Premier of Manitoba, I am pleased to proclaim October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

The Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba estimates 10-15 per cent of the Canadian population struggles with a learning disability. Up to 80 per cent of children with learning disabilities have difficulty learning to read.

Manitoba Education and Training is committed to improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students in Manitoba, and my hope is that by participating in Dyslexia Awareness Month educators will build upon their awareness and skills to meet the literacy learning needs of all students.

Please share this proclamation as you see fit and help us to acknowledge that schools, families, and communities need to better understand dyslexia and its impact on learning and well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelvin Goertzen".

Kelvin Goertzen

Attachment

- c. The Honourable Brian Pallister, Premier of Manitoba
Amber Bollenbach, KC Dyslexic Learning Centre
Chairs of School Boards