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STATE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 26, 2024
TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
FROM: Michael F. Rice, Ph.D., State Superintendent 
SUBJECT: Live Webinars on Public Act 146, Public Act 147, Section 35m and Section 35n Grants, and Virtual Dyslexia Summit

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will host live webinars to provide an overview of [Public Act \(PA\) 146 of 2024](#) and [PA 147 of 2024](#), now referred to as the K-12 literacy and dyslexia laws. MDE will also convene webinars on Section 35m and Section 35n literacy grant opportunities. Additionally, Michigan’s Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MiMTSS) is hosting a virtual Dyslexia Summit on January 31, 2025.

The Michigan Legislature passed, and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed into law on October 10, 2024, the K-12 literacy and dyslexia laws. These provide for educators to receive the professional development needed to implement instructional strategies aligned with the science of reading, to increase literacy achievement and ensure that students have access to high-quality instructional materials and assessments.

Each event in the webinar schedule listed below is limited to the first 500 participants. Registration is required (see links in table below). After the live sessions in January are completed, recordings will be made available on the [MDE Literacy website](#).

MDE K-12 Literacy and Dyslexia Laws Webinar Series Schedule

Date	Time	Communication Topic	Webinar Registration Link
December 6, 2024	3-4 p.m.	Public Acts 146 and 147	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91216673

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December 6, 2024	4-5 p.m.	Section 35m and Section 35n Literacy Grants	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83662356495
December 13, 2024	10-11 a.m.	Public Acts 146 and 147	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82719021472
December 13, 2024	Noon-1 p.m.	Section 35m and Section 35n Literacy Grants	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85631666832
January 7, 2025	9-10 a.m.	Section 35m and Section 35n Literacy Grants	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84751759224
January 7, 2025	10-11 a.m.	Public Acts 146 and 147	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87880736247

Virtual Dyslexia Summit

MDE appreciates everyone who has already registered to attend the virtual dyslexia summit, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 31, 2025. The MiMTSS Technical Assistance Center encourages intermediate school districts (ISDs) and local school districts, both traditional public school districts and public school academies, to host a group of attendees who could watch together and have opportunities to discuss learning. All sessions will be recorded and available on demand. Summit attendees will have access to four speakers throughout the day who will share their knowledge and expertise in supporting students with dyslexia within a multi-tiered system of support. Please register on the [Dyslexia Summit webpage](#).

If you have any questions regarding the webinars, please contact DeNesha Rawls-Smith, MDE literacy unit manager, at RawlsSmithD@michigan.gov. If you have any questions regarding the Dyslexia Summit, please contact Dr. Kim St. Martin, director, MiMTSS TA Center, at smartink2@michigan.gov.

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