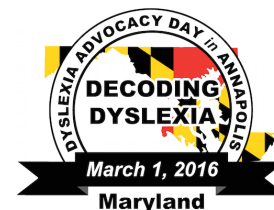


# Dyslexia Advocacy Day in Annapolis, 2016

## LAYING THE GROUNDWORK TO CLOSE THE READING GAP

Room 170, Lowe House of Delegates Office Building  
Technical Center Video: Changing the Face of Education



**8:00-9:00am** Networking, Registration, Community Sponsor Information & Continental Breakfast

**Between 8:00am-8:30am:** Delegate **Deb Rey**: Delegate, St. Mary's County & Sponsor: Welcome

**9:00-9:20am** **Lisa Blottenberger**: [Decoding Dyslexia Maryland](#): How to Close the Reading Gap for struggling readers and students with dyslexia. Presentation will include: What is dyslexia/reading disability, who is affected, and the elements of effective reading instruction.

**9:20-9:25am:** **Mia Hembling**, Baltimore County, Student Dyslexia Poem

**9:30-9:45:** **Keynote: Elisabeth Liptak**: Director: [Center for Effective Reading Instruction](#), CERI: How Schools of Higher Education Can Change Reading Outcomes for Struggling Learners

**9:45-10:00:** **Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy**: Chair, [Legislative Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program](#) and Head of School, [The Summit School](#), Annapolis, Maryland. Dyslexia Task Force History & Summary

**10:00-10:15:** **Betty Weller**, **President**, Maryland State Education Association (MSEA): How the Task Force Recommendations will Help Teachers, Schools and Students

**10:15-10:30:** **Marcella Franczkowski**: Assistant State Superintendent, Special Education & Early Intervention Services, MSDE: [Dyslexia, Dysgraphia and Dyscalculia Guidance](#): What it Means for Parents and Students

**Between 9-12**

**LEGISLATIVE & Policy Presentations -- subject to legislative schedule**

- ~12:00 noon: Delegate Anne Kaiser, *District 14, [Montgomery County](#)*, Task Force Member, Chair, Education Subcommittee, House Ways & Means Committee: TOPIC: Dyslexia Task Force, Legislative Process and Next Steps
- Between 9-11: Senator Paul G. Pinsky, *District 22, [Prince George's County](#)*, *Vice-Chair*, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee and Chair, Subcommittee on Education: TOPIC: Education 2016
- Between 9-11: Senator James Rosapepe, *District 21, [Prince George's County](#) & [Anne Arundel County](#)*, *Member Education Subcommittee*, TOPIC: Education
- TIME TBD: *Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, District 44, [Baltimore City](#) & [Baltimore County](#)*, *Member Education, Health & Education: My Dyslexia Story*

**10:30-11:00am:** **Laura Schultz**, Advocacy 101 -- Laying the Groundwork to Close the Reading Gap