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\*\*\*\*\***MEDIA ADVISORY**\*\*\*\*\*

**School Choice: When Parents Choose Public School  
A Struggle to Graduate “College & Career Ready”**

**WHO:** 7<sup>th</sup> grade student Ella-Jane Miller, Montgomery County Public Schools and Dayne Guest, recent graduate, Baltimore County Public Schools

**WHAT:** Both students will offer their perspective on the impacts of delayed dyslexia identification and the fight for effective reading instruction. Other panelists include a current Calvert County Public School educator, representatives from the PA Department of Education and Chair of the House Ways & Means Committee.

**WHEN:** **Thursday, February 2, 2017, 12:00pm-1:00pm**

**WHERE:** Room 180, Lowe House Office Building, 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, 21401

**ADDITIONAL PANEL DETAILS:** [The State of Reading & Dyslexia in Maryland](#)

- Amy Siracusano, MS, Ed., Maryland Teacher, Literacy Coach, Higher Education Adjunct: **What Teachers Need to Know about Reading and Dyslexia**
- Monica McHale-Small, Superintendent, Saucon Valley School District, PA & Dr. Fran Warkomski, Dyslexia Pilot Coordinator, PA Dept. of Ed: **How to Create & Sustain Reading Achievement Through Teacher Training**
- Delegate Anne Kaiser, Chair, House Ways & Means Committee & Member of the Task Force to Implement a Dyslexia Education Program: **Next Steps for Reading and Dyslexia Policy**

**STORY // CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS:**

12:00-12:15pm: **Student Testimony:** Dayne Guest and Ella-Jane Miller

12:15-12:30pm: **Superintendent & Dyslexia Pilot Coordinator from Pennsylvania** talk about the Dyslexia Pilot program implementation and results

All morning: **Interview Opportunities** with members of Decoding Dyslexia MD in Annapolis to advocate for dyslexia. [Full Program](#)

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