

# Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #16

**My public comments are related to:** \* ACPS 2025 Strategic Plan

**Topic \*** Reading instruction

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**What is your relationship to ACPS? \*** Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

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I am concerned the strategic plan does not appropriately address the needs of dyslexic student specifically and reading instruction. In my experience, ACPS is committed to trying to deny recognizing my child's dyslexia. Assuming this is an across the board problem, this failure denies dyslexic students of appropriate instruction. Moreover, the reference to evidence based balanced reading instruction is concerning because it seems to ignore the science of reading. That science indicated the evidence based Phonics instruction is most effective. Of course, exposure to stories and vocabulary remains important but students need tools to decode words. The referenced to "balanced reading" indicates a lack of commitment to provide students those tools. T