



City of Detroit  
Detroit City Council  
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway  
District 2

**STATEMENT**

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TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Angela Whitfield Calloway, Council Member *AWC*

DATE: July 23, 2024

RE: Statement Regarding Resolution in Support of Senate Bills 567 and 568 And House Bill 5098

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I am proud to support the resolution urging the Michigan legislature to pass Senate Bills 567 and 568, as well as House Bill 5098. These bills represent a crucial step towards addressing the literacy challenges that many of our children face, particularly those with dyslexia.

Our city's commitment to the development and welfare of our youth is unwavering. Reading is a fundamental skill that not only enhances academic achievement but also fosters empathy, emotional awareness, and lifelong learning. The proposed legislation will ensure that students struggling with dyslexia are identified early and receive the necessary support to thrive academically.

With the state of Michigan's literacy rates ranking 43<sup>rd</sup> in the nation and a significant portion of our students not meeting grade-level standards, it is imperative that we act. By implementing state-approved screening practices, teacher training, and creating a dyslexia resource guide and advisory committee, we can better support our students and improve literacy outcomes.

I urge my colleagues and the Detroit community to join me in advocating for these essential bills. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our children and the future of our city.