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Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities

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The Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities ["ODRD"] is dedicated to serving Connecticut's students, parents, educators, and educator preparation providers. The office is also committed to continuing the implementation of both the legislative charges established in C.G.S. Sec. 10-14z and supporting aligned initiatives across the Connecticut State Department of Education, under the leadership of the Deputy Commissioner for Educational Supports and Wellness, Sinthia Sone-Moyano.

With the recent departure of the ODRD Bureau Chief Dr. Jule McCombes-Tolis, Dr. Shuana Tucker, Chief Talent Officer, will directly oversee the office and the dedicated staff of the ODRD, thereby ensuring that the office's important work continues seamlessly until new leadership is established.

Kristin Allen continues to serve as the liaison to the Bureau of Special Education and to consult with members of the public as well as the Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC), the CSDE's Bureau of Special Education Call Center, the State Education Resource Center (SERC), and the Regional Educational Service Center (RESC) Alliance. Lisa Gianni remains the lead for the development and implementation of the Structured Literacy and Dyslexia educator competencies and model K-12 professional development. Dr. Athena McAlenney continues to head the development of compliance measures and audit procedures to verify compliance of educator preparation provider programs. Please do not hesitate to contact our Administrative Assistant Aimée Gauvin with general inquiries, feedback, or to schedule an appointment.

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