ABOUT THE PRESENTATION:

This session provides a clear and practical overview of dyslexia designed for parents, caregivers, and adults with lived experience. We'll explore what dyslexia is, common co-occurring conditions, and the differences between school-based and private evaluations. Participants will also gain strategies for reading support, learn about effective accommodations, and review Ohio's laws on dyslexia. In addition, we'll highlight family resources and support systems to help build confidence and advocacy at home, in school, and beyond.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Define dyslexia and identify common cooccurring conditions.
- Differentiate between school-based and private medical evaluations for dyslexia.
- Describe evidence-based reading strategies and appropriate accommodations to support learners with dyslexia.
- Summarize Ohio laws and policies related to dyslexia identification and support.
- Identify local and national resources available to families and adults with dyslexia.
- Develop confidence in advocacy skills for navigating school systems and accessing support.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Sue Grzybowski is a dedicated mother of four and a passionate advocate for children with learning differences. With 15 years of experience navigating the challenges of parenting a son with dyslexia, she has been an active participant in his educational journey, which included supporting his Individualized Education Plan (IEP). After her son graduated from high school in 2019, Sue pursued her passion for helping others by training to become a certified dyslexia practitioner. She has recently completed her Level 2 certification, equipping her with the skills to make a positive impact in the lives of children facing similar challenges. Additionally, Sue serves as a board member of the Northern Ohio Branch of the International Dyslexia Association and is the 2025 Special Education Chair for the Parma Council of PTAs, furthering her commitment to advocating for dyslexia awareness and support in her community.

