### **ABOUT THE PRESENTATION:**

Dysgraphia is a learning difference that affects a person's ability to write coherently and efficiently. This session aims to provide parents with an overview of dysgraphia, its signs and symptoms, the root cause, and strategies for support at home and in school. Gain valuable insights from an expert in the field, Nancy Osko, and learn practical tips to help your child thrive academically and socially. We invite you to join Nancy as she shares her family's journey and experiences, so you feel empowered to better advocate for your child's educational needs.

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. Understanding Dysgraphia: What is this exactly?
- 2. What causes dysgraphia?
- 3. What kinds of instructional activities improve the handwriting of children with dysgraphia?
- 4. Discuss ways families and students can continue to advocate.

#### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER:**

Nancy Osko is a Manager of Educational Partnerships for Northern Ohio at Collaborative Classroom. She has over 26 years of experience. As a former classroom teacher, literacy coach, principal, and regional early literacy specialist for the Ohio Department of Education, her experience in these roles has given her insight into how to best support a focus on teaching and learning. She emphasizes a collaborative leadership style and seeks innovative solutions when supporting educators and administration in building a sustainable Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS).

Nancy holds a master's degree in educational leadership and a B.A. in Elementary Education. She also has additional certifications in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Wilson Reading Level 1, and Orton Gillingham Training, and is a former Regional and National Facilitator for Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS suite of products).

Nancy serves on both the International Dyslexia Association Northern Ohio Branch and The Reading League of Ohio as an Executive Board Member and on the Leadership Team for the SEL4OH Branch. She is also a Training Specialist with Cuyahoga Community College's Ohio Options/ASPIRE program, teaching early-emergent adult multi-language learners.

## UNDERSTANDING DYSGRAPHIA: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS



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