DYSLEXIC EDGE
PATHWAYS TO EXCELLENCE

**IMSE Certification Program**

**<u>Dyslexic Edge Mission:</u> Dyslexic Edge is leading a movement to develop future STEM leaders by building confidence in students with dyslexia and equipping educators to help them learn.**

**<u>IMSE: The Institute for Multi-sensory Education</u>**

- The leading teacher professional development program in structured literacy in the nation;
- Certified by the International Dyslexia Association;
- Designed for both classroom use and intervention;
- Currently used in Fairfax County, Arlington, and Falls Church City;
- Preview Guide: https://mcusercontent.com/3ad75e3034d55556cb34502a2/files/d6be74a5-838b-5b4b-3b0e-067cfce87bbc/IMSE_Preview_Guide.pdf

**<u>IMSE Certification through Dyslexic Edge:</u>**

- Dyslexic Edge has partnered with IMSE to offer certification to any individual who volunteers as a tutor in our afterschool program;
- We cover the full cost ($4,000 value) which includes:
    - IMSE OG 30-hour comprehensive training
    - IMSE Asynchronous Phonological Awareness course
    - IMSE Practicum
- In exchange, tutors volunteer to work with one or two students in the Dyslexic Edge afterschool program based in Arlington.

**<u>Afterschool Program Structure:</u>**

- The Dyslexic Edge after-school program is a strength-based program that strives to help students who struggle with reading to reach grade level while also boosting their overall confidence.
- **Program Details:**
    - The program meets twice a week from September to May for two years;
    - Each session is 90 minutes:
        - 45 minutes is dedicated to one-on-one reading intervention;
        - The other 45 minutes are dedicated to group STEM enrichment(Participation in the STEM portion is optional for tutors).

**If you are interested in this program, please contact the Executive Director, Krista Gauthier, at krista@sdsquared.org or 703-965-6877.**