



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

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ROUTING
Elementary Schools
Secondary Schools
Charter Schools
Local District Superintendents
Instructional Directors
Local District Special Education
All School Site Administrators
All Teachers

PURPOSE: This memorandum provides information about Inclusive Schools Week, which will be held the week of December 7 - 11, 2020.

BACKGROUND: Inclusive Schools Week is an annual event organized by the Inclusive Schools Network that celebrates the progress schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students with disabilities. The week also provides an important opportunity for educators, students, and parents to discuss what can be done to ensure their schools create and/or enhance a culture that successfully educates all children.

The theme for this year's Inclusive Schools Week is *The Time for Inclusion is NOW!* The theme encourages schools to examine the power of meaningful friendships, heighten awareness of inclusion, celebrate our diverse classrooms, and each student's unique contributions to our campuses. It also encourages the development of inclusive practices that embrace all learners. Participating schools can share their experience to be published in an upcoming Division of Special Education Publications.

INSTRUCTIONS: Schools are encouraged to participate and share their inclusive practices using the Inclusive Schools Week Planning Form (Attachment A) and the Google form link that is provided.

RELATED RESOURCES: The Inclusive Schools Week website has resources available to assist in the celebration, including lesson plans and distance learning celebration activities that embrace all learners. <http://inclusiveschools.org/inclusive-schools-week/>

ASSISTANCE: For assistance or further information please contact: Tiffany Sepe, Specialist, at tiffany.sepe@lausd.net, Veronica Mullen, Specialist, at veronica.mullen@lausd.net

ATTACHMENT: Attachment A: Inclusive Schools Week Planning Form

Inclusive Schools Week Planning Form

School Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact E-mail: _____

Instructions: Use this planning sheet to record the activities planned and implemented during Inclusive Schools Week. Schools can get ideas for each level from the [Celebration Activities Guide](#) or come up with new ideas.

Activities that Promote Awareness of Inclusiveness	Activities that Increase Knowledge and/or Skills Related to Inclusiveness	Activities that Increase Inclusiveness

School sites are encouraged to share their answers to this form through the following link:

<http://bit.ly/inclusiveschools2020>