

# 2017 NATIONAL INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AWARDS



## FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL INCLUSIVE EDUCATION MONTH



**inclusionBC**

### *What is inclusive education?*

Inclusive education means ensuring that all students are educated with their peers in regular classrooms, have equitable access to learning and achievement, and are welcomed, valued and supported in the education system. Inclusive education promotes participation, friendship and interaction in all aspects of school and community (e.g. teams, clubs).

### *Why do we celebrate?*

To highlight National Inclusive Education Month and to bring attention to the many positive examples of inclusive classrooms and schools across the country, the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL) has created a national certificate of recognition to be given to recipients who have made positive contributions to inclusive education in their province or territory.

Awards will be considered in the areas of early childhood, K-12 and post-secondary education. Winners will be announced at Inclusion BC's 2017 annual conference held in Vancouver from June 14-17, 2017.

### *What are the nomination criteria?*

An individual, team, organization (teachers, school, administrators, departments) that goes above and beyond what is expected in their role to initiate, inspire, promote, implement, support, advocate, develop or create unique opportunities that result in the enriched inclusive educational experiences of students with and without disabilities.

### *What are some indicators of successful inclusion?*

Students are unconditionally accepted into all aspects of the life of the school, preschool, public school or the postsecondary education system. School is the foundation for inclusion.

- The appropriate support to students and educators is provided to ensure that students can participate fully with their peers.
- All students are seen for what they can do and build on that rather than focusing on what they cannot do. Limitations based on labels are removed.
- Leadership that assumes everyone is a valued member of the school community.
- Learning in regular classes with adaptations for everyone who needs it.
- ALL students have lunch in the cafeteria; have the opportunity to be on teams, in clubs and performances. Inclusion extends beyond the classroom to all aspects of the educational experience.

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### Nomination Form

*\*Nomination forms must be received by Inclusion BC no later than April 15, 2017*

Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group/Organization or School: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held by nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: w: \_\_\_\_\_ h: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: w: \_\_\_\_\_ h: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please describe and give examples of how the nominee demonstrates that they go above and beyond what is expected of them to provide a welcoming and inclusive learning experience for all students.

2. Describe how the nominee supports all students to fully participate in all aspects of school life (e.g. regular academic, social, extra-curricular)

3. Describe how the nominee has provided leadership and promoted inclusive education (see paragraph 1) among educators, parents and students.

4. Please describe any other information that would support this nomination.

Return this nomination form by fax, e-mail or mail to:

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