

Inclusive Schools Week
December 7th – 11th 2020

The Inclusive Schools Network has designated the week of December 7th-11th, as INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK™; the first full week of December of annually since 2001. This annual event was created to celebrate the progress schools have made toward providing a quality education for our increasingly diverse student population and those students marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economics status, cultural heritage, language preference and other factors.

This year's theme "*The Time for Inclusion is Now*" provides an opportunity to celebrate the journey of educators, students, parents and community members navigate to arrive at the destination of inclusive education. Working together, we can steer our schools and ultimately our society toward that place where ALL students belong and are successful.

Inclusive Schools Week™ provides an opportunity for educators, students and parents to discuss and initiate practices to continue to improve their goal of successfully educating ALL children.

WHEREAS; *The School District of Clayton* is committed to providing an environment in schools and classrooms that emphasizes the importance of welcoming and educating all children; and,

WHEREAS; *The School District of Clayton* staff recognize that each child is unique, learns differently, and, therefore, learns better when teaching is tailored to their abilities and interests; and,

WHEREAS; The educators and families in the *School District of Clayton* work diligently to ensure that inclusion is an integral component of exemplary student achievement in our schools and classrooms; and,

WHEREAS; *The School District of Clayton* is committed to the practice and philosophies:

- It is not possible for a school to be truly excellent unless it is equitable.
- It is not possible to be truly inclusive for some students unless we are inclusive of ALL students.

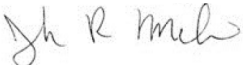
WHEREAS; By their efforts to make our schools inclusive and our students well educated and aware, the staff and families of *the School District of Clayton* have contributed significantly to building a stronger and more inclusive community; and,

WHEREAS; The staff and families of *the School District of Clayton* deserve to celebrate their successes and wish to reflect on how they might even further improve;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Clayton, Missouri, that the Board, joins with the Inclusive Schools Network, schools, districts, and communities around the world in declaring the week of December 7th-11th, 2020, as INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK™ and encourages other institutions to do so as well.

Approved by the Board of Education on: December 7, 2020

By:  (President, Board of Education)

By:  (Secretary, Board of Education)