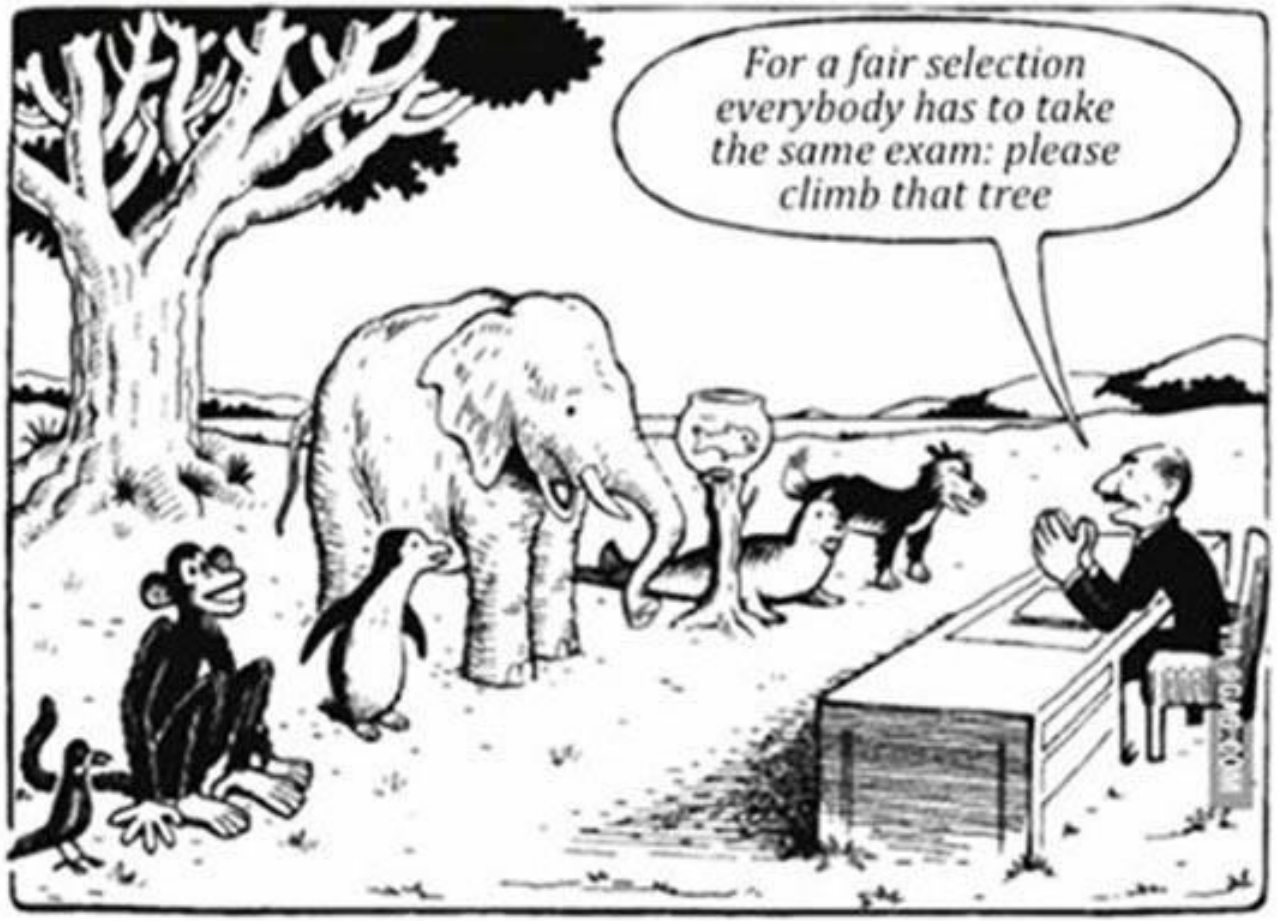
Education Inclusion:

a Cornerstone of Empowerment for Families & Teachers

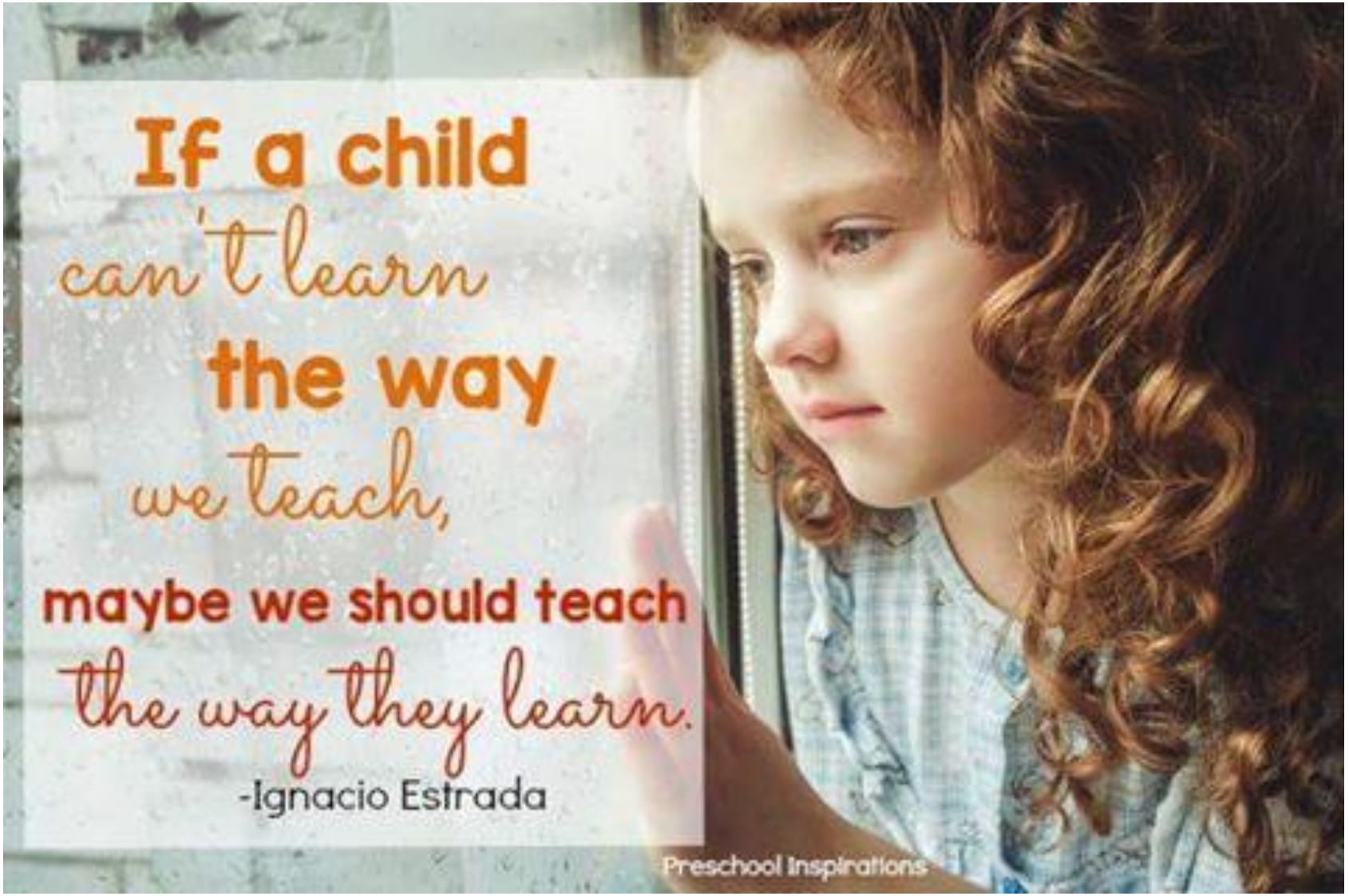


Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- Albert Einstein

"Children who learn together,
learn to live together."
— Author unknown


If a child
can't learn
the way
we teach,
maybe we should teach
the way they learn.
-Ignacio Estrada
Preschool Inspirations

Tell me and I

FORGET.

Teach me and I may

REMEMBER.

Include me and I will

LEARN.

Diversity. Acceptance. Inclusion.

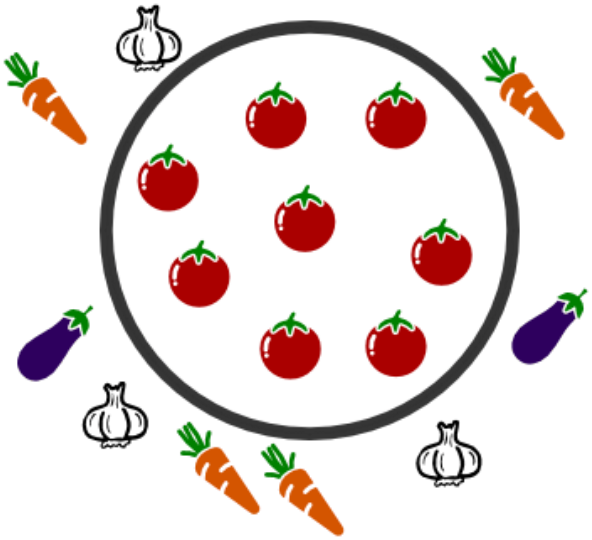
What is Inclusive Education?

- Inclusive education means that all students attend and are welcomed by their neighbourhood mainstreamed schools in age-appropriate, regular classes and are supported to learn, contribute and participate in all aspects of the life of the school.
- Means that children with and without identified disabilities are taught together in the same classroom to the greatest extent possible.

What is Inclusive Education

- Inclusive education is about how we develop and design our schools, classrooms, programs and activities so that all students learn and participate together.

Exclusión



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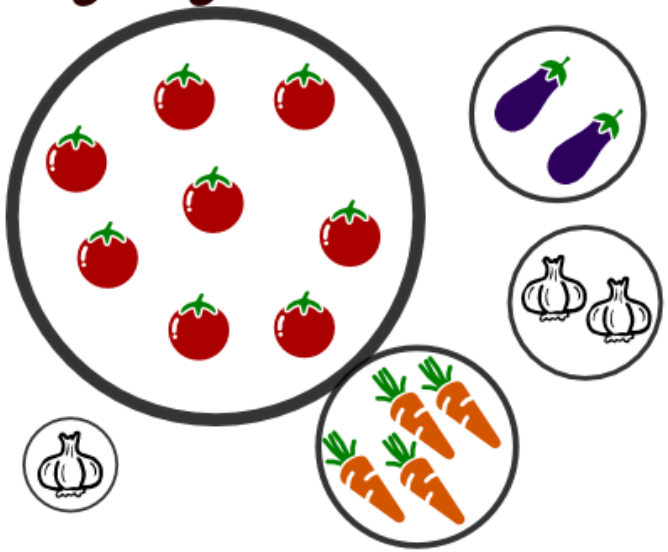

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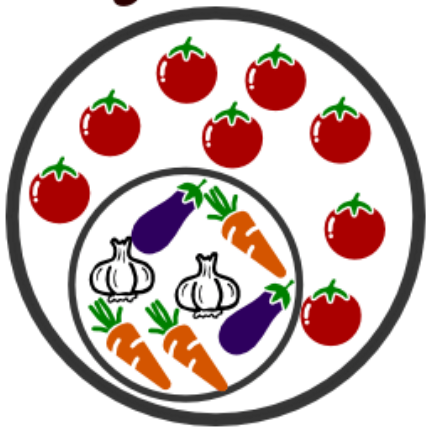

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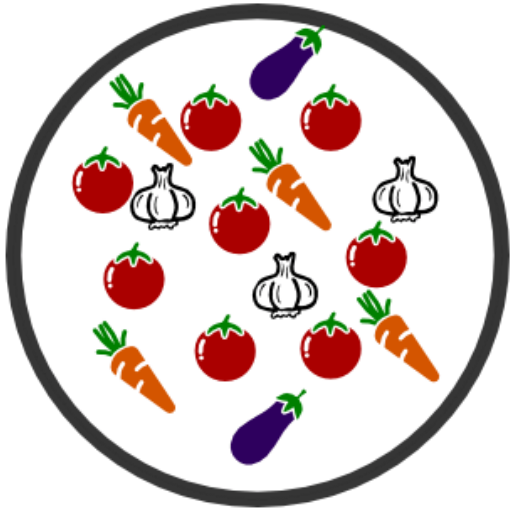

INTÉGRATION ou **INCLUSION** ?

Benefits of Inclusive Education

The benefits of inclusive education are numerous for both students with and without disabilities.

- 1. Developing friendships
- 2. Increased social initiations, relationships and networks
- 3. Peer role models for academic, social and behavior skills
- 4. Increased achievement of IEP goals
- 5 Greater access to general curriculum
- 6. Enhanced skill acquisition and generalization

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- 7. Increased inclusion in future environments
- 8. Greater opportunities for interactions
- 9. Higher expectations
- 10. Increased school staff collaboration
- 11. Increased parent participation

12. Families are more integrated into community

More benefits??

- Develop individual strengths and gifts, with appropriate expectations for each child.
- Work on individual goals while participating in the life of the classroom with other students their own age.

More benefits??

- Involve their parents in their education and in the activities of the schools.
- Foster a school culture of respect and belonging. Inclusive education provides opportunities to learn about and accept individual differences, lessening the impact of harassment and bullying.

More benefits??

- Develop friendships with a wide variety of other children, each with their own individual needs and abilities.
- Positively affect both their school and community to appreciate diversity and inclusion on a broader level.

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5 Benefits of Inclusive Education

- **Benefit #1:**

  More Teachers = More Assistance
- The general education teacher and special education teacher often work together to teach and manage the class. With two teachers in the classroom, it's easier for students to ask for and receive help. More adults on hand can also help keep order in class.

5 Benefits of Inclusive Education

- **Benefit #2**: Supportive Strategies
- The teachers designed special instruction and support that can help students make progress. For eg., while one teacher works with some of the students, the other teacher may work with a smaller group to review material. This can be helpful to students with learning and attention issues. Kids are given opportunities to move around to release excess energy.

5 Benefits of Inclusive Education

- **Benefit #3:** A Variety of Teaching Approaches
- Inclusion classrooms can accommodate children with a wide range of learning styles and needs. Teachers meet everyone's needs by presenting lessons in different ways. For eg., they may use a lot of visual aids to add interest and increase understanding. When teaching math, they may build the lesson around manipulatives such as cubes or colored chips that can help kids learn new concepts
- One of the key teaching strategies in inclusion classrooms is to break students into small groups. This way, kids can be taught according to their particular learning style and ability. This is called differentiated instructions.

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- **Benefit #4:** Access to Learning Specialists
- In addition to having a special education teacher available, an inclusion class often brings in specialists and other service providers. These professionals may have particular insight into what's challenging for your child and how he can be helped.

5 Benefits of Inclusive Education

- **Benefit #5:** Resources, Resources
- Budget constraints mean that schools often have to pick and choose where they'll spend money. In some schools, inclusion classes are often the beneficiaries of extra support and resources. If free tutoring is offered after school, kids in these classrooms with the greatest needs may get to be first in line.

KEY POINTS

- Studies show that general education students benefit from the resources available in an inclusion classroom.
- The special education teacher can help all children in an inclusion classroom, not just special education students.
- A key teaching strategy in an inclusion classroom is to break students into small groups and teach kids according to their particular learning style and ability.

Blooming Kidz

(Inclusion Play-school)

BK's Model

- **Differentiated instruction**
- No two learners learn the same way.
- So, we place great importance on creating opportunities for students to learn and be assessed in a variety of ways.
- Remember the different learning modalities of children (audio, visual, kinesthetic)
- It helps enhances and diversifies the learning experience.

BK's Model

- **Academic Supports**
- Providing academic supports to create a supportive environment for all learners. (one-to-one, small groups)
- Custom-made teaching aids to help different learners
- This is so that we can better challenge and engage each and every child in the classroom.

BK's Model

- **Behavioral Supports**
- Implementing consistent behavioral support throughout the learning environment
- This is essential in maintaining a positive learning environment for all.

BK's Model

- **Respect for diversity**
- Inclusive education for students with disabilities can only be successful when those students feel that they are truly a part of the school community
- Benefits everyone by fostering an environment where students and their families are accepted and valued for who they are

How to include?

The of Inclusion

The A-B-C of Inclusion

A – Accept them for who they are! (not who you want them to be)

The A-B-C of Inclusion

B – Believe in them as you believe in yourself

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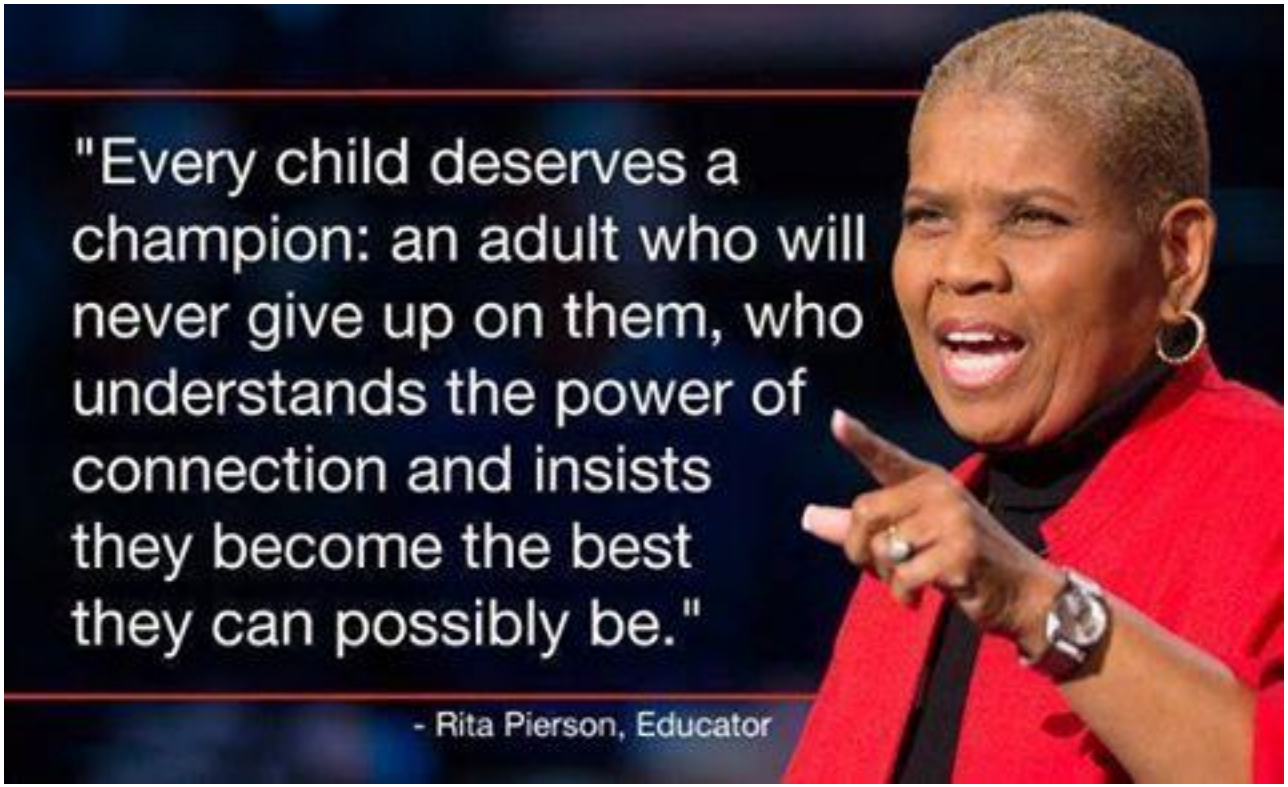
C – Change & it begins with **YOU**



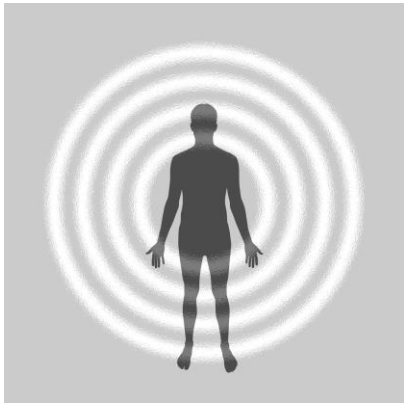
Barriers to Inclusion:

- Attitudes
- Teachers
- Curriculum
- Physical barriers
- Language & Communication
- Policies
- Socio-economic

ARE WE ONE OF THE BARRIERS TOO?

INCLUSION *is*

a way of thinking



a way of being,

and

a way of making decisions

about helping everyone to belong.

A Child is like a butterfly
in the wind
Some can fly higher than
others,
But each one flies
the best it can.
Why compare one against
the other?
Each one is different.
Each one is special.
Each one is beautiful.

many
Thanks!