

Dear [Teacher's/Principal's Name],

I hope you're enjoying an exciting start to the new school year! I understand this is an especially busy time of the year, but I'd like to put something on your radar as we kickoff the year ahead.

As caregiver who's committed to creating an inclusive school environment, I am reaching out to share my enthusiasm about an incredible resource: Project Inclusion, a series of educator modules on disability, inclusion, and accessibility created by Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital.

I strongly believe that creating an intentionally disability inclusive school community benefits both students with and without disabilities. Project Inclusion is a meaningful way for teachers to foster a sense of belonging and ensure accessibility in the classroom, at recess, and beyond, and I'd like to encourage you and the teachers at [INSERT SCHOOL NAME] to consider completing the training this school year.

To give you some background, Project Inclusion was created by Holland Bloorview with funding from the Ontario Ministry of Education. Educators, school boards, and people with disabilities across the province were consulted to ensure the resource was practical and met the needs of Ontario teachers.

The training is self-directed and can be done individually or in groups, remotely or in-person. The modules explore topics like accessibility, enabling engagement, and participating in school beyond academics. You can find the entire training program in both English and French at www.projectinclusion.ca

I know you believe that empathy, respect and acceptance are critical values that extend far beyond the classroom. By cultivating a sense of community, promoting the understanding of diverse perspectives, and being thoughtful in our programming and language, we can create a more compassionate and inclusive school community.

As I mentioned, creating an inclusive and accessible classroom is of the utmost importance. Personally I am committed to inclusion because [INSERT YOUR PERSONAL COMMITMENT/CONNECTION HERE]. I believe that our community can only benefit by fostering a sense of belonging and creating a welcoming social environment for all students and their families.

I just wanted to say thank you in advance for what is sure to be a great year ahead!

[YOUR NAME]