

#### **Committee of School Councils Meeting**

Inclusive Education and Specialized Programming within EIPS: PALS to Grade 12

Virtual Meeting April 7, 2021 Marcus Reed Director, Specialized Supports

#### Inclusion

• Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) believes in the inclusion of all children and students in a way that maximizes their learning potential and fosters their sense of belonging to the school community and our larger society. Inclusion is an approach, not a place—a valuesbased approach to accepting responsibility for all children and students.

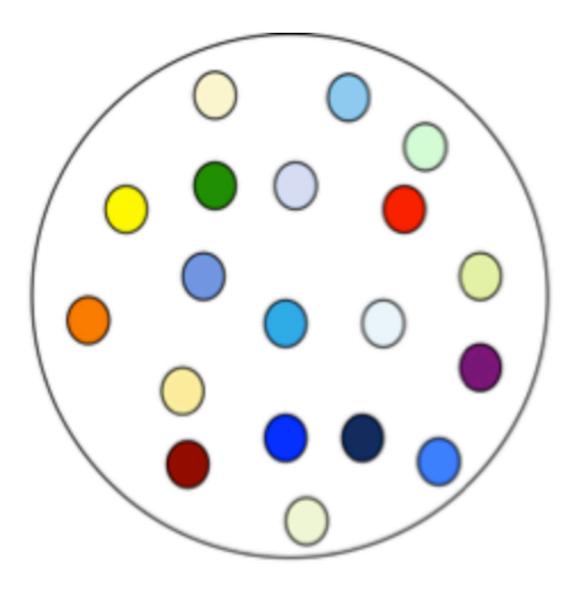
#### Successful inclusion involves:

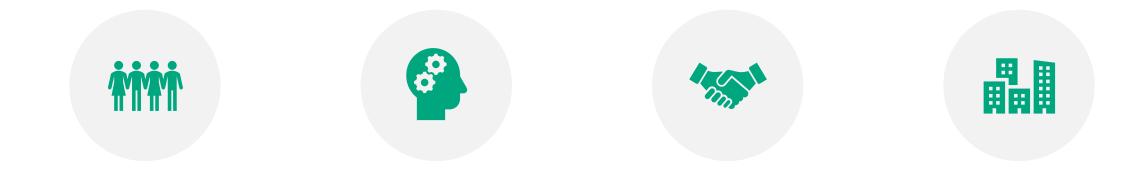
- a set of deeply held beliefs and values that encompass a sense of community and the fact that all children and students belong to the community and that all children and students can learn;
- effective teaching and learning for all learners;
- a commitment to professional learning on the part of teachers and support staff;
- a commitment to teamwork and a willingness to share expertise and learn from one another;
- a collaborative approach with families where they have the opportunities and support they need to help their children be successful learners and to contribute to decision-making about their child's education;
- thoughtful and intentional planning for academic and social development opportunities for all children and students; and
- a school culture and environment where everyone belongs and everyone learns together.

# What is Inclusion?

What does this look like in Elk Island Public Schools?

Inclusive Schools, Inclusive Communities





#### VALUING DIVERSITY GROWTH MINDSET WORKING TOWARDS BUILDING STRONG INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITIES

### What does inclusion look like in Elk Island Public Schools?

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## Faces of Inclusion

A great start to learning



### Faces of Inclusion Programming Priorities \_ Programming Needs



### Faces of Inclusion

Inclusive, specialized programs



## Faces of Inclusion

"What's best for kids?"



# Questions?