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PA Legislators Set Precedence for Inclusion of Disabled People's History, Culture & Contributions in the Curriculum

We salute Vision For Equality for being part of the Coalition across the state that led to this victory!

We invite you to learn more about the Coalition by watching this video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NF8wj-6QgD8</u>

Disabled people across the state of Pennsylvania are celebrating a historic piece of legislation that will bring disabled people's history, contributions, experience and culture into the K-12 Curriculum.

<u>Disability Inclusive Curriculum Legislation</u> was included in the education code and signed by Governor Wolf as part of HB1642.

The legislation sets up a 3 year pilot in schools to test out the curriculum followed by a statewide rollout

It promises that the curriculum will be created by organizations at least 50% controlled by disabled people.

We want to draw your attention to the organization that has trailblazed the efforts: <u>Disability Equality in Education</u> (DEE) has run the "Stigma Project" funded for the last five years by The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDC)

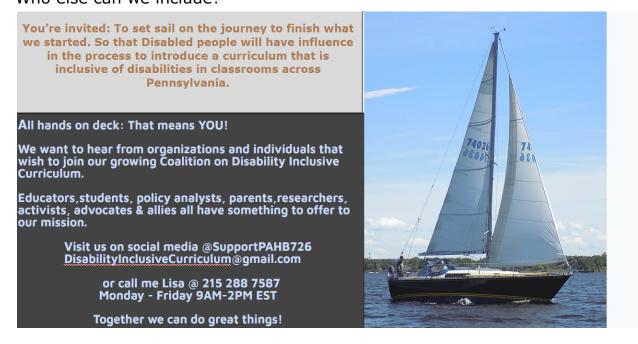
Although this non-profit is the first in the US to introduce such a comprehensive curriculum inclusive of disability. They recognize the responsibility and opportunity this legislation presents but challenges remain without funding.

The next months are crucial in making sure that the voices of disabled people influence the process from start to finish!

Further funding at this critical time would ensure a disability community response is resourced and coordinated.

Support is needed for staff to develop an even more comprehensive curriculum that broadens the reach to ensure representation across all identities of the disability community and addresses & modifies current resources to accommodate all grade levels.

We are building a toolbox of experts & diverse voices that want to speak out and help carry our mission to its fullest potential. Who else can we include?



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Today:

A partnership means disabled voices shape and amoralate systematic change in Pennsylvania today.

Tomorrow

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This moment in time presents a gateway to replicate the disabled footprint in society that other states can model. This sets the stage for a National campaign toward a curriculum inclusive of disability.