

### **Inclusive Education Update**

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When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

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# Special Needs Categories



- A Physically Dependent
- B Deaf/Blind
- C Moderate to Profound Intellectual Disability
- D Physical Disability/Chronic Health Impairment
- E Visual Impairment
- F Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- G Autism
- H Intensive Behaviour Interventions/Serious Mental Illness
- K Mild Intellectual Disability
- P Gifted
- Q Learning Disability
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# Rights Movement



#### Civil Rights

- Desegregation -Brown versus Board of Education
- Collective conscious
- 1982, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- 1989, the School Act was changed to add the <u>Students with</u> Special Needs Order
- 1980's Public Schooling exclusion to mainstream movement

#### 1990's



- Growing parent and social advocacy
- · Advancement in research and educational practice
- Changing landscape of information age on education (content vs. process)
- More SPED students in 'typical classrooms'
- · Still a question of 'why' by many in schools... learning to support
- CA's highly focused on impact of complex students
- Exponential growth in Educational Assistants
- 1990's Public Schooling Mainstream to Integration

### 2000's



- Continued research, advocacy, and the evolution in practice
- Substantive changes to Autism, and Chronic Health Category
- More identified students accommodated within 'typical classroom'
- Development of specialist support teachers and classroom teacher skill sets
- Parents' and caregivers' knowledge significantly increase
- Multi-disciplinary teams with home teams required
- Doubling of Autism, and Chronic Health, continued growth in Educational Assistants
- Removal of Class Size and Composition from local Teachers' CA
- 2000's Public School Integration to Inclusion

### 2010's



- Continued research, advocacy, and the evolution in practice
- Students in North Vancouver generally included in 'typical' classroom
- Professional practice continuing to develop
- Creation of the Office of Inclusive Education focus on redefining the necessary understandings and skills for educators and teams
- Restoration of CA
- Significant Growth in Educational Assistants
- 2010's Public Schooling Inclusion to meaningful Inclusion for All

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# How are we doing?



### **Big Picture**

#### Ministry Data

- Dogwood Certificate
  - High School Graduation
  - General Graduation program
- Evergreen Certificate
  - School Completion Certificate
  - Individualised Functional Program









