

"Stand Up for Inclusion" Inclusive Schools Week 2017 December 4-8, 2017

Directors,

Stetson and Associates, Inc. and the Inclusive Schools NetworkTM are pleased to announce the 17th Annual Inclusive Schools WeekTM will be held December 4-8, 2017. This annual event was created to celebrate the progress schools have made toward providing a quality education for our increasingly diverse student population and those students marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economics status, cultural heritage, language preference and other factors. Inclusive Schools WeekTM provides an opportunity for educators, students and parents to discuss and initiate practices to continue to improve their goal of successfully educating ALL children.

This year's theme, "Stand Up for Inclusion" provides an opportunity to celebrate the changes each member of the inclusive community can make: building ONE SCHOOL COMMUNITY for students with disabilities and their non-disabled peers.

We encourage you to promote an Inclusive Schools WeekTM celebration in your school district and community. Thousands of individuals: local, state, and national organizations; advocacy groups; schools and entire school districts have enthusiastically embraced this opportunity and found this experience to be rewarding in terms of its impact on children and youth.

Please share the enclosed letter with each of your principals. For ease of distribution, you may access a digital copy of the letter for principals on our website: http://inclusiveschools.org/isw-basic-downloads. Their support and school-wide involvement in this celebration heightens the awareness level and provides meaningful hands-on involvement for students and faculty.

Please visit our website, <u>inclusiveschools.org</u>, to download our free Celebration Guides, Media Kit, Digital Graphics, Celebration Activities, and more. Sign up for our Inclusive Schools NetworkTM newsletter to receive current inclusion information year round! http://goo.gl/F1wnb

Thank you.

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