

# ISN NEWSLETTER

*Inclusion Support Network*



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## About us

*By The ISN*

The Inclusion Support Network (ISN) – Local 38 is a group of passionate educators committed to advancing inclusive education. We support teachers who work with disabled students and advocate for the well-being of disabled educators. Our mission is to cultivate a school system where all educators and students are respected, supported, and genuinely included.

We recognize that language matters. Some prefer identity-first language (e.g., disabled person), while others use person-first language (e.g., person with a disability). We aim to be intentional and inclusive in the language we use, acknowledging the diversity of perspectives within both education and disability communities.

# Events for teachers!

## Provincial Listening Circle for Teachers Living with Disabilities Hosted by the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA)

The ATA invites teachers who identify as living with disabilities to join a supportive online Listening Circle.

This space is intended to share stories, build connection, and inform future advocacy for more inclusive and accessible workplaces.

### June Session

TBA

Time: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Location: Online (Zoom)

Join here:

<https://bit.ly/4kRh8Wg>



# Resources

## Establishing Inclusive Learning Environments: Collaborative Professional Learning Activities (ATA)

The purpose of this collaborative professional growth program is to support the development of professional knowledge and skills, consistent with the Teaching Quality Standard and Competency #4—establishing inclusive learning environments.



## Inclusive Education Library

Contains information and resources connected to core subjects, behaviour/social participation, medical conditions and disabilities information, student support plans, instructional strategies and supports, learning technologies, and professional learning. Core subject info is based on the former program of studies/curriculum but still has some relevant info.

## Council for Inclusive Education (CIE) – Resources for Inclusive Practice

The Council for Inclusive Education offers a wide variety of practical resources to support inclusive education. From podcasts and articles to teaching tools and event information, their website is a valuable hub for educators looking to deepen their inclusive practices and connect with current conversations in the field.



## Local 38 Listening Circle for Teachers

### Living with Disabilities

## Hosted by the Inclusion Support Network (ISN). – Local 38

As part of our commitment to fostering inclusive schools and workplaces, the Inclusion Support Network (ISN) invites Local 38 members who identify as living with disabilities to join a supportive online Listening Circle. This space is designed to share stories, build community, and highlight the voices of disabled educators in our Local. Your voice matters—and we want to hear it.

### May Session

Hosted by Local 38  
ISN

Date: Week of May  
15th

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Hybrid

Meeting ID: 847 2917  
8411

Passcode: 734477

Local 38 Office  
Deerfoot Atria -  
North Surface 6815 8  
St NE, Suite 340,  
Calgary, AB T2E  
7H7 Hybrid



## Common Threads for Inclusive Education (ATA)

ATA, In collaboration with the Council for Inclusive Education, a new resource series, Common Threads for Inclusive Education, continues to be developed to support the implementation of the new Teaching Quality Standard and Leadership Quality Standard specific to inclusive education. Each of the resources contains background information, teaching strategies and further resources specific to the topics and are designed to be entry points to further learning.

Please check back regularly as new additions to the series will be posted soon.

## Council for Inclusive Education Conference

–May 23–24, 2025

Join educators from across Alberta for two days of learning, collaboration, and inspiration focused on inclusive education. The conference will take place at the Hotel Arts in Calgary

👉 [Register now](#)

## Support & Connection Network Teachers on Extended Disability Leave

ISN is exploring the creation of a peer-led support group for teachers on extended or permanent disability leave. If you are on leave or know someone who might benefit from connecting with others in a similar situation, we'd love to hear from you. This would be a safe, confidential space focused on shared experiences, social connection, and community.

If you're interested, please reach out to the local or ISN

*Have a topic you'd like us to cover?*

*We'd love to hear from you! If there's something you'd like the Inclusion Support Network to explore in future sessions or newsletters, send us a quick note here: [<https://forms.gle/3aqsW7k1Wt8qrxkMA>]. Your ideas help shape our work*