**The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced the creation of a Disability Inclusive Curriculum Pilot Program to instruct K-12 students on the political, economic, and social contributions of individuals with disabilities. Under the program, schools can apply for up to $30,000 in grant funding to implement disability inclusive curriculum.**

**PDE is requesting applications from public school entities and nonpublic schools interested in developing or expanding focused efforts and experiences to engage in the pilot program.** [Applications must be submitted](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3D31323334-501d2dca-313219e5-454455534531-1c53434f9d849bf7%26q%3D1%26e%3D25958786-28d6-46a5-b045-c5a85614c910%26u%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fgcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%252F%253Furl%253Dhttps%25253A%25252F%25252Flink.mediaoutreach.meltwater.com%25252Fls%25252Fclick%25253Fupn%25253D3i8jCxBx6dG-2BW6pultME-2FwONHbAxs0WER8TRejNsxdkSRb-2BUZWxrwGdiUWRnrsXlJwZxLjXgPyJklmlRUK1wbvqBiIfNz2FN-2F5r6JqmkBik-3Dcaz1_XBhRAkvngeeuou5pibiKNeBZi5x3UjR8mPdyzEpKnSGjCfh1MaBhiK1sInrQpUQUc7d-2BdeJA39VC6aymlIGmdghZzOTEUgXGRDf-2F5b4szWyvANn8h22PNhwNQlzqS3UhM21cS0pD6FsZio2Jpoj5uckBEyo4fLukxs-2Bh-2FNAG1KREkjWbRCIZuNtg5GTTW5l5GblGtgrSxejdwXZLRHpDGw6MklZDJyqY1Om-2BboAsSOcs-2B1AFLFV39nJ82UqfSMX8r1XDZz9hHZWnFR6XCTaINKD2oAKq9FZ0fvDpISr9w9u5qopmpLobMSt3C6VS3BKcbK7mYfZIsOy1XtEtQVtKVNUlvEoeFD0Zv4ZrlNfCyOQJgEJ-2FzW4HUf44w-2BtY5Owu%2526data%253D05%25257C01%25257Ccasesmith%252540pa.gov%25257C1f3635d7d4164cb6496d08db351d55f7%25257C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%25257C0%25257C0%25257C638162172353126115%25257CUnknown%25257CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%25253D%25257C3000%25257C%25257C%25257C%2526sdata%253DEbJAsfw%25252FuYSArQfHygSSC3%25252BVjcosBrUARdanq8vIm6w%25253D%2526reserved%253D0&data=05%7C01%7Ccaclancy%40pa.gov%7C45fee8958a464655ad5d08db353269d3%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638162262881279212%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lk%2BXbGkaOVTo3kZ0yPwZTOXsCmR6pa4i8AO63oENvpE%3D&reserved=0) **by 3:00 PM on Monday, May 15, 2023**. **Schools can implement the new curriculum beginning in the 2023-24 school year.**

**Funding will be granted to successful applicants for a three-year period from the date of the award through June 30, 2026. A maximum of $10,000 per year is available to each school entity or nonpublic school entity.**

The Disability Inclusive Curriculum Pilot Program, added to the [Pennsylvania Public School Code](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3D31323334-501d2dca-313219e5-454455534531-83721f89611b1317%26q%3D1%26e%3D25958786-28d6-46a5-b045-c5a85614c910%26u%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fgcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%252F%253Furl%253Dhttps%25253A%25252F%25252Flink.mediaoutreach.meltwater.com%25252Fls%25252Fclick%25253Fupn%25253D3i8jCxBx6dG-2BW6pultME-2F3cD-2FGP0hDDWpgdB-2BK5aH-2BVksXwutSKc6LC7deTpXEWe9J58lg6MtWCh6-2BFjUFIjCbHuxN9cfOB9q6q5olm6tudZ1US6MiT9L65GhybyEBrh3sGVNkwTPT-2B2kQndYblvxsPd5sCwgKVR3EWcmfo4wMDo-2B9pqpXQpE9Qt8Qhamjo2VBwu_XBhRAkvngeeuou5pibiKNeBZi5x3UjR8mPdyzEpKnSGjCfh1MaBhiK1sInrQpUQUc7d-2BdeJA39VC6aymlIGmdghZzOTEUgXGRDf-2F5b4szWyvANn8h22PNhwNQlzqS3UhM21cS0pD6FsZio2Jpoj5uckBEyo4fLukxs-2Bh-2FNAG1KREkjWbRCIZuNtg5GTTW5l5GblGtgrSxejdwXZLRHpDG3QQEt0960jYWm9fAUVwoW32wyKUTkzn5PONXO89LLTy-2Byt-2FPVmi5ug6-2F2ypSkila5L-2FlQbGD2856-2B6KR4Mb01sLsQxCDgFdDBMA1YL2rMaLr95tNTn3GBd63zSnDYlGN3QNl3TI2KJMqYXi7MI-2B0z3DD0T99l1Y-2FhgL5fmCTgqZ%2526data%253D05%25257C01%25257Ccasesmith%252540pa.gov%25257C1f3635d7d4164cb6496d08db351d55f7%25257C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%25257C0%25257C0%25257C638162172353126115%25257CUnknown%25257CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%25253D%25257C3000%25257C%25257C%25257C%2526sdata%253D4tsQkrbinnV2n7noOcHoivXUrbJ67gu8LwoYHszKvMg%25253D%2526reserved%253D0&data=05%7C01%7Ccaclancy%40pa.gov%7C45fee8958a464655ad5d08db353269d3%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638162262881279212%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wmrYkV77oH7%2BghYdcvMs2qMlKMT6zh8OTdlJC%2Br8M%2FU%3D&reserved=0) last summer, is intended to promote topics and subject matter for instruction to all students, will help learners understand that disability is a natural part of the human condition, and will emphasize the critical contributions of individuals with disabilities.

The program will impact the overall culture and environment of schools by reducing the stigma of disability by including disability as a part of a school-wide strategic plan.

Interested in learning more? Register for the live overview webinar: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIuc-Guqz0qGdAPTZrBf9xTlOXa0L4qF30X>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting scheduled for Friday, April 21st from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. The session will be recorded and made available on PaTTAN’s Inclusive Practices webpage: <https://www.pattan.net/Supports/Inclusive-Practices>.

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