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Alabama celebrates diversity, encourages inclusion with Inclusive Schools Week

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The State of Alabama has joined an initiative that seeks to increase awareness of students who are marginalized and of the importance of creating a school environment where every student feels included.



Governor **Kay Ivey** signed a proclamation designating December 3-7, 2018, as **Inclusive Schools Week** (ISW) in Alabama. This official proclamation states, "The State of Alabama is committed to educating students in inclusive schools and classrooms, ones that are welcoming and that are capable of educating all children."

In doing so, Alabama joins **a national effort** to highlight and celebrate "the progress schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to all students, including those who are marginalized due to disability, gender, ethnicity, geography and language. The celebration also provides an important opportunity for educators, students, and families to discuss what else needs to be done to ensure that schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children."

According to the **Alabama Department of Mental Health** (ADMH), the celebration also provides an important opportunity for educators, students, and families to discuss what else needs to be done to ensure that schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.

ISW 2018 is themed "Kaleidoscope of Friends" and it celebrates how schools can make progress on their journey and encourage everyone to build their own "Kaleidoscope of Friends."

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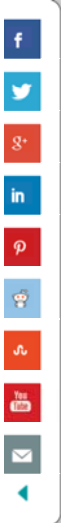
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