

Everyone Together
“All children, all together, all the time.”



A CALL FOR ACTION
Universal Education
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Everyone Together, a parent project, does hereby request immediate action and support for the implementation of the State Board of Education’s “Policy Framework for Universal Education.”

Universal Education has the potential to open doors to general education for students with disabilities. Universal Education honors the right of all students to learn together. Thus, effective implementation of Universal Education is the next logical step in creating classrooms that welcome **all** our children, including those with disabilities

The project’s advisory council has endorsed the following steps as likely to produce a successful implementation of Universal Education. These are the steps you are asked to endorse as well:

1. The governor’s office should include Universal Education as a track at future Governor’s Education Summit(s).
2. The State Department of Education (“the Department”) should review all fiscal policies to align them with the Universal Education policy.
3. The Department should review RFPs and include in future RFPs a requirement that grant proposals further the policy and practice of Universal Education.
4. The Department should include Universal Education as a policy goal in any directives or rules it adopts regarding the 15% IDEA set-aside for “early intervening” services.
5. The Department and the Governor’s office should align the Universal Education policy framework with the performance standards set for in Early On Redesign and Great Start initiatives.”

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