## **Guiding the Conversation**

## **Learning Guide - Innovative Solutions to Unique Challenges**



Participants in the video were asked a series of questions.

Take some time in small groups or as one large group to answer these questions before watching the video.

Question 1: "What are some of the biggest challenges you have faced in building an inclusive school community?"

Question 2: "What have been some of the unique ways you have overcome these challenges at your school?"

## Watch Video 4: Innovative Solutions

As a large group or in smaller groups, brainstorm as many challenges and barriers you can think of that prevent school environments from being inclusive.

The *common challenges* addressed in the video were:

- Meeting the needs of individual students with significant needs
- Access to technology
- Purposeful planning

Please refer to the Tip Sheet for a more detailed explanation of each *common challenge*.

As a large group or in smaller groups, answer the following questions relating to *common challenges*:

- How many of these challenges are currently present within your school?
- Are there any additional challenges you face that you would include in this list?

The *innovative solutions* addressed in the video included:

- Be flexible
- Be collaborative
- Be a risk taker

Please refer to the Tip Sheet for a more detailed explanation of each *innovative solution*. As a large group or in smaller groups, answer the following questions relating to *innovative solutions*:

- What are some tangible steps your school can take to be more flexible, collaborative, and willing to take risks?
- What role does the administrative team play in becoming more flexible, collaborative, and willing to take risks? What about teachers? What about students?

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