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Mission Statement

Parents' Alliance for Differently Abled Learners (P.A.D.A.L.) is a mid-Vancouver Island based coalition of parents/primary caregivers who collectively advocate for all children to receive equitable and meaningful access to education and other community programming.

Mandate:

We are a parent/primary caregiver action group for differently abled learners with evolving chapters in school districts across central Vancouver Island. We advocate for access to equitable and meaningful education for all children within our communities by creating opportunities for families, educators, community organizations and government agencies to collaborate in creating concrete action plans for true and full inclusion.

We believe that true inclusion can only occur by understanding the needs of differently abled learners, acknowledging the importance of adaptive learning programs, and accessing appropriate and adequate resources.

We raise awareness by coordinating educational workshops and events, and by participating in local, regional and provincial advocacy projects to ensure that we are moving forward in the most effective way.

We make progress by supporting our members through consultation, and by sharing resources, such as legislation, policies and procedures related to a child's right to education. We attend team meetings with parents at the school and district level, to help them navigate the system and effectively advocate in order to achieve the best outcomes for their children.

Written by the Working Committee Members of P.A.D.A.L.

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