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To: Principal and Assistant Principal Teams
From: Kelley Clevenger, Executive Director, Special Services
Regarding: **Disability History and Awareness Month**

The Legislature of Washington State requests every school district to conduct or promote educational activities that provide instruction, awareness, and understanding of disability history and people with disabilities. (RCW28A.230.158)

There are many activities and resources available to support your school in honoring Disability History Awareness Month in October! Please click the link below for OSPI provided resources.

[Disability History and Awareness Month](#)

I'd like to highlight a valuable resource completed in 2020, titled [One out of Five: Disability History and Pride Project](#). This project, designed for middle school students but adaptable for all ages, offers an engaging exploration of disability history and pride, making it a great addition to any curriculum.

Literacy Resources include:

Stop it, Stanley! written by Jessica Skoor and illustrated by Kelly Conrad, both valued members of our district's special education team. This engaging story serves as an excellent resource for explaining atypical behavior and fostering meaningful discussions on inclusion and equity for children with exceptional needs. Each elementary school will receive a copy for their library by the end of September. It's a valuable addition to support inclusive conversations in our classrooms.



Here are some more resources for books that portray people with disabilities: <https://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/resources/books/>

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