

## Special Issue

# Shaping the Future of Special Education Using the Student Voice

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue encompasses a broad spectrum of topics, including but not limited to the following:

**Empowerment and Engagement:** Encouraging students to actively participate in planning, learning, and leadership roles within their classrooms and schools in order to foster empowerment and engagement.

**Inclusive Practices:** Providing accessible tools, personalized support, and differentiated instructional strategies ensures that all students, regardless of ability, can meaningfully contribute their voices.

**Professional Development:** Training special educators to understand and amplify the voices of students with disabilities is crucial.

**Impact on Educational Practice:** Listening to students with disabilities offers valuable insights that can shape instructional methods, reduce stigma, and improve academic and social outcomes.

**System-Level Change:** Student voice can drive transformational change at multiple levels—classroom, school, and community—by informing policies, enhancing cultural responsiveness, and expanding educational opportunities.

**Promoting Inclusion:** Engaging students in dialogue and action promotes inclusion by valuing their input and fostering open adult mindsets.

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