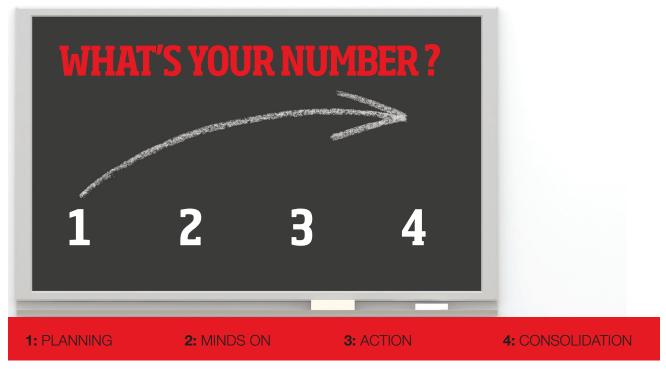
### Accessibility Awareness Continuum:

## Classroom Climate: Belonging and Relationships



There will always be scope to improve

**Indicator:** Students demonstrate a strong sense of belonging, empathy and respect for each other's interests, needs and abilities.

### **Our School Environment**

# How does our school promote a sense of belonging and mutual respect? What school events and activities do we offer that promote mutual support and positive interactions among people of all abilities?

How do we welcome and value the participation and engagement of all students and their families (considerations: supporting personal choice, valuing unique contributions, accommodating accessibility needs and safeguarding integrity and dignity)?

How do we recognize, value and celebrate the contributions and talents of every student?

### **Our Classrooms**

# How do we provide authentic learning experiences that develop a sense of belonging and empathy?

How do we provide authentic learning experiences that develop awareness of accessibility issues?

How are we modelling and reinforcing cooperative, collaborative and pro-social behavior?

How do we ensure that students of all abilities see and hear themselves represented (e.g., in displays, in the materials used, in the lessons and illustrations, guest speakers)?

How are we creating safe spaces where students can take risks and respond with empathy?

How are we incorporating character education to support empathetic interactions among our students?

#### **Our Students**

How do all our students show that they feel respected and valued?

How do students of all abilities demonstrate an appetite for involvement, participation, self expression, and self-discovery?

How do our students demonstrate values exemplified in character education in defining themselves and others?