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# Big Idea 2017

— Broken Arrow's  
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# A Push for Inclusion: ADA Approvable Parks

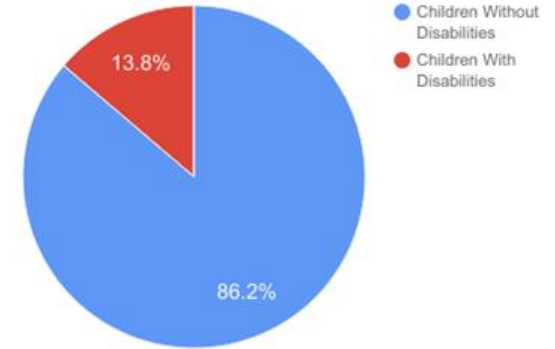
- There is no doubt that the City of Broken Arrow is growing at a fast rate. While our city offers amazing features, the youth today see, not a problem, but an opportunity to add something special to the list.
- As more families move to the safe, friendly, notable city, the diversity increases. We, as a council, have discussed families of special needs children who want to be able to enjoy everything Broken Arrow has to offer.
- As a result, we want to propose making the city parks and play areas ADA-friendly.

# A Closer Community

- The addition of ADA accessible park areas and playground areas has the ability to bring the Broken Arrow Community together.
- City events that are held at parks will receive more attendance and be more enjoyable by a larger number of people.
- The addition of these park enhancements has the ability to raise awareness of disabilities and bring it to the attention of those previously unaware of their prominence in society, fostering further inclusion.

# The Stats

Oklahoma Schools Disability Statistics (2010)



→The IDEA estimates that as of 2010, 13.8% of children enrolled in Oklahoma Public Schools have disabilities.

→A mere four major cities in Oklahoma boast ADA accessible parks; the addition of multiple in the City of Broken Arrow would put us on the map.

# Next Generations Educated, United

- An important aspect of these parks is the ability they have to impact future generations.
- Children will learn to include others, and will be offered the opportunity to learn more about others who may not share their abilities.



# A Timeline and How

- First, we need the approval of City officials to begin the implementation of adding ADA accessible park features.
- Next, we would like to partner with Broken Arrow Public Schools to add ADA accessible equipment on already established elementary school parks.
- To procure funding, a plethora of grants and charitable institutions offer funding to establish ADA accessible parks.

**Thank you!**