



Special Olympics
**Unified Champion
Schools**

Research Overview



97% of **high school seniors** say that **Unified Champion Schools** activities are changing their **school for the better**.



84% of **students** generally regard **participation** in the program as a **positive turning point** in their lives.



Participating in **Unified Sports** or a Unified Club provides high school students (61%) with opportunities to get to know a peer with ID which in turn leads to **friendship (94%)**.



96% of students without ID who participate in Unified Champion Schools would feel comfortable **carrying on a conversation with a student with ID**



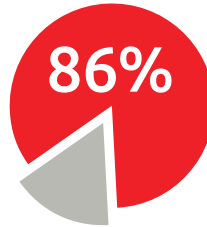
89% report they would feel comfortable **sitting with a student with ID at lunch**



87% report they would feel comfortable **working on a school project with a student with ID**



School staff who lead the **Unified Champion Schools** program within their school feel that the program is **valuable** for their school.



of school staff feel that Special Olympics Unified Schools program has made a **big impact in reducing bullying and teasing** in their schools.



Preliminary evidence suggests that **Unified Champion Schools perform better** than other schools on most school climate dimensions such as **respect for diversity, social and civic learning, and school connectedness and engagement**.