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Barry M. Prizant, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

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**Thursday,
September
30th
7:00-8:30pm
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Neurodiversity in Action

What is neurodiversity and how can a deeper understanding of it help educators, families, and students themselves? Dr. Prizant, a world-renowned expert and author on the subject, defines, describes, and explains neurodiversity, the importance of understanding an individual's strengths and challenges, and the impact of uneven developmental profiles. His examples will lead to a deeper understanding of the "why" of behaviors that may appear different and even challenging, both to the individual and to those who share time with that person. Moving away from a medical model of "fixing" disability, Prizant provides examples of a more respectful approach. He discusses the essential components of a neurodiversity perspective, including the importance of supporting a person's self-awareness, of building positive relationships, and of enhancing self-esteem.

Barry M. Prizant, PhD, CCC-SLP, is a Visiting Scholar at Brown University, director of Childhood Communication Services, coauthor of The SCERTS Model, and author of *Uniquely Human: A Different Way of Seeing Autism*.

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