Accessible Content Improves Learning For All

Making a case for Blackboard Ally

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Blackboard Ally -- Who? Why?

- Over 300 institutions have adopted Ally -- 13 in NJ, including Atlantic Cape where many of our adjunct instructors also teach
- Ally is fast becoming an expected part of the standard technology toolbox
- Existing content can be converted automatically into accessible alternate formats.
- Institutional reporting is available
- Instructor specific reporting and feedback available.
- Product is regularly updated; updates do not

Blackboard Ally and the LMS

- Ally is integrated with but separate from Blackboard
- Ally is LMS agnostic – If the University decides to adopt any one of the following LMS platforms, Ally is currently available for:
  - Canvas
  - Moodle (self-hosted)
  - Blackboard Open LMS (i.e., the old Moodle Rooms service)
- Ally conversion files stored separately and do not impact the storage levels used by the LMS

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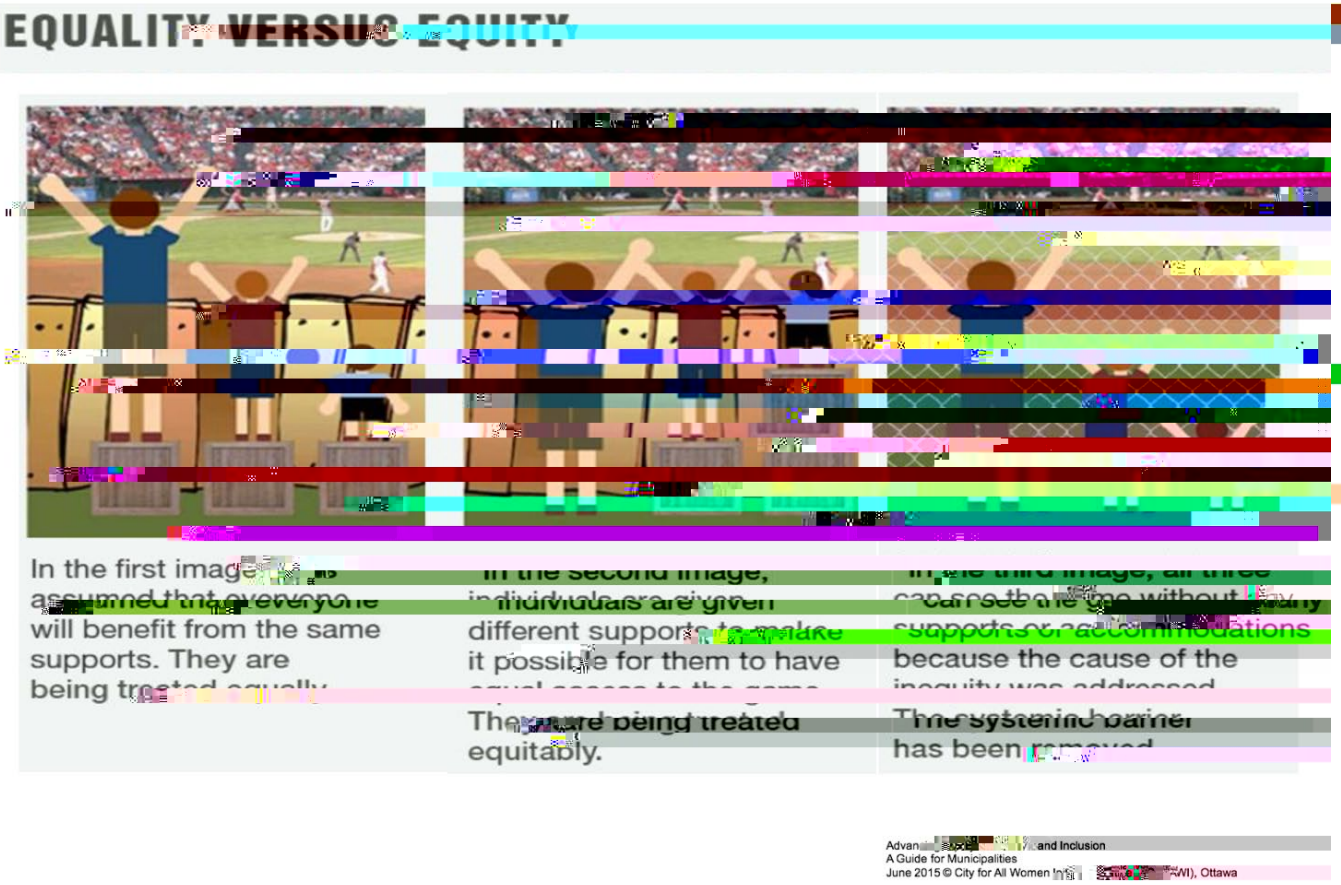
Access for all Regardless of Need



This cartoon illustrates the concept of universal accessibility.
Starting from the left: Equality, Equity, Accessibility