

## WHAT IS SEPAC?

SEPAC is a parent committee established to assist parents and families of children with learning differences and special needs. We seek to enhance the services and supports needed for our children so they can thrive and reach their potential.

SEPAC works in collaboration with teachers, special education service providers, administrators, and legislators in order to advocate for and promote a successful educational and social environment for our children with special needs. SEPAC also works to obtain information and support that will empower parents to influence change on a personal and community level.

## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Communication and understanding is the purpose of SEPAC. Our SEPAC committee is designed to provide an open forum for parents and/or guardians to exchange ideas and develop ways in which to cope and share solutions to both complex and challenging issues. We can educate ourselves and support each other as we encounter these issues.

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Special Education Parent Advisory  
Council (SEPAC)

For parents, guardians and educational  
professionals with children from  
Kindergarten through 12th grade



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership is open to all and is free of charge. This form allows us to place you on our e-mail distribution list so that you will be notified of upcoming workshops and meeting topics. In addition, we would like your suggestions on the types of workshops you are most interested in.

If you would like to become a member, please fill out the following information and return it to the front desk.

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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS:

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*Voting rights are granted only to parents and/or guardians of students who are on a special education program (IEP) or a 504 Accommodation Plan.*

## BECOME INVOLVED



## MEETING SCHEDULE



- Provide input and feedback regarding your child's special education services;
- Meet other parents with children who are socially isolated or who may have sensory, learning, attention, social, behavioral or other unique challenges;
- Learn to be a more effective advocate for your child;
- Become more informed of the special education laws and upcoming legislation affecting your child;
- Work as a team with teachers and professionals to discuss school services and how to enhance and support them;
- Network with other parents;
- Share advice and information with others who understand the issues and concerns you and your family may be facing.

**ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND EDUCATORS  
ARE WELCOME TO JOIN**

***Come to a meeting and see what we are all about!*** Meetings are scheduled twice a month on the first and third Fridays starting at 8:30 am at SSCPS. They are open to everyone and you are not required to attend all meetings. The meeting agenda generally includes support groups, children's challenges, updates from the special education department, and an open forum for parents/guardians to discuss concerns and/or questions they have related to their child's educational needs.

### HOW TO REACH US

If you would like more information about SEPAC, or would like to talk with someone, please feel free to contact any of the following members:

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