

# Hanover Special Education Parent Advisory Council

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Bi-Annual Report to the School Committee  
April 26, 2017

# Status Summary

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- Workshops and Events
- Board Meetings with Special Education Staff
- SEPAC Website and Communications
- District and Community Involvement
- Planning for 2017/2018

# 2016/2017 Workshops and Events

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- Meet the Administrators
- Basic Rights in Special Education
- Panel of District Reading Experts
- Kim Doheny from Lives in the Balance
  - Ross Greene - Collaborative & Proactive Solutions  
Understanding and Helping Kids with Social, Emotional,  
and Behavioral Challenges
- Inclusion and Our Community Panel – May 9th
- Staff Appreciation – June

# Board Meetings

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- Per Bylaws, Executive Committee of SEPAC sets meeting schedule for each year
  - For 2016/2017, SEPAC Board held 9 meetings
- SEPAC Board Meetings
  - Director of Student Services, Special Education Staff from each school regularly attend, with additional participation as appropriate by other staff and administrators
- Agenda distributed in advance and meeting minutes recorded
  - Planning updates, topics of concern (e.g., Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum, Parent Notifications, Summer Programming, etc.)
- Upcoming dates
  - April 28, May 19, June 9

# SEPAC Website and Communications

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- Continue to update and refine the SEPAC website, available on the Hanover Schools website:
  - <http://www.hanoverschools.org/community/pac/>
- Also communicate through our Facebook Page
  - <http://www.facebook.com/HanoverPAC>
- Maintain an informal email distribution list of attendees and interested persons – send reminders of events
- Also communicate with MassPAC ListServ, other local SEPACs, Around Town to communicate events

# District and Community Involvement

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- SEPAC Building Rep/Administrator Meetings
- Building Level PTA involvement
- Emerging FACE Collaboration
- Hanover SNAP - <http://www.hanoversnap.com/>
- HMC Support Group
- Cardinal Cushing Center Programming  
<http://cushingcenters.org/education-and-vocational/community-recreation/>
- YMCA Programming - <http://ssymca.org/programs/inclusion-programs/>
- CORSE Foundation Programming - <http://corsefoundation.org/>

# Planning for 2017/2018

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- SEPAC Board Planning Meeting in May
- Inclusive Schools Week – October 16-20, 2017
- Wonder Fair at Hanover Middle School
- Inclusion Panel
- SEPAC Staff Appreciation
- Soliciting for Speaker Topics
- Increase SEPAC membership and involvement

# Our Thanks

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- We look forward to continuing the collaborative effort of ensuring district curricular and programming access for all students.
- We are grateful for this opportunity to report.