



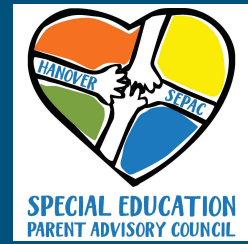
Hanover SEPAC Annual Status Report 2022-2023



May 24, 2023



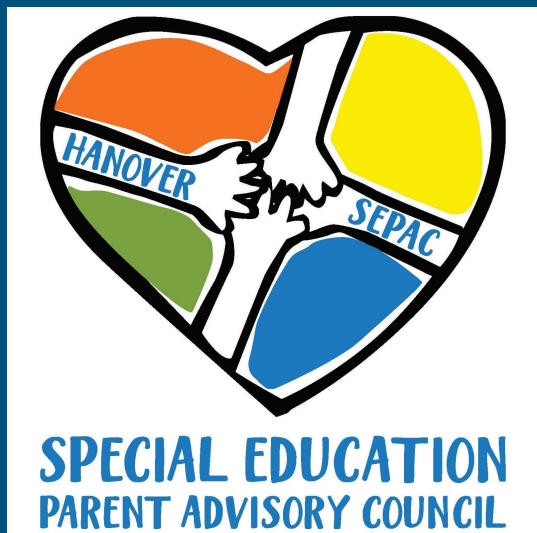
What is a SEPAC?



A SEPAC is a **S**pecial **E**ducation **P**arent **A**dvisory **C**ouncil. Every public school district in Massachusetts is required to establish a SEPAC. Massachusetts state law assigns both an advisory and participatory function to SEPACs and membership is offered to all parents and guardians of children with disabilities and other interested parties. The Special Education Parent Advisory Council's duties under state law include, "advising the school committee on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities; meeting regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of the school district's special education programs." (Chapter 71B, Section 3, also known as Chapter 766. *available at* <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXII/Chapter71B/Section3>)

The Hanover SEPAC is an independent community organization who collaborates with district professionals and functions in an advisory role relative to special education to both the District and the Hanover School Committee. We strive to provide information and support to the special education community.

Calendar of Events



September 22nd-

board meeting- via zoom

October 5th-

Meet the Administrators Night

6:30pm Hanover High School Media Room

November 4th-

board meeting-11am via zoom

November 9th-

Basic Rights Workshop: Understanding the IEP - via zoom

January 5th-

Checking in on Our Teens: Learning How to Check in and Better Understand Your Child
-via zoom

January 13th-

board meeting- 11am via zoom

February 6th-
zoom

Looking Through the Lens of ADHD -via

March 10th-

board meeting-11am via zoom

March 20th-
What's

"Raising Digital Natives: What's New?"

Now, What's Next?" -via zoom

April 11th

Meet the SEPAC & Ask the Advocate-
Hanover High School Library

April 27th-

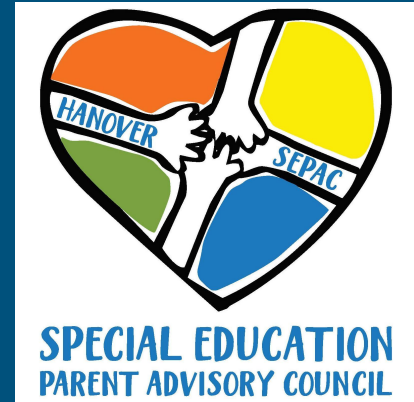
Coffee and Transition Talk-
High School Media Room

June 9th-

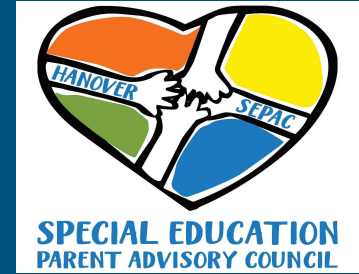
Annual Election board meeting-11am via zoom

Initiatives & Special Projects

1. Family Engagement & Education Opportunities
 - a. Checking in on Our Teens
 - b. Looking Through the Lens of ADHD
 - c. Raising Digital Natives
 - d. Coffee & Transition Talk
 - e. Advocate Events
2. Policy Review
3. Virtual Office Hours (Thursdays 9am-10am)
4. By-law update
5. Annual Staff Recognition (Deadline is May 26th!)



Recommendations:



1. Work closely with the Director of Student Services to provide families with meaningful ways to share their experiences
2. Maintain a focus on inclusion
3. Work closely with the School Committee's SEPAC liaison to define new procedures for fulfilling our advisory role to the school committee
4. Offer parent/guardian training opportunities for the new IEP format.

Questions & Comments

