Hanover SEPAC 2023-2024 10/25/2023





What is a SEPAC?

A SEPAC is a Special Education Advisory Council. Every public school district in Massachusetts is required to establish a SEPAC. Massachusetts state law assigns both an advisory and a participatory function to SEPACs and membership is offered to all parents/guardians of children with disabilities and other interested parties. The foundational role of a SEPAC is to work in partnership with the school on matters of special education.

What Do We Do?

• Collaborate with administrators and the school committee on special education programming and policies within the Hanover Public Schools district.

• Provide resources, workshops, and information on events related to special education and other relevant topics to the community.

• Promote a network for parents and guardians of children with disabilities and provide a forum to share information and discuss matters of relative interest and concern regarding our children.

23-24 Board Meetings

- Updates from the district and the SEPAC
- Via Zoom Wednesdays at 10am

Agenda and Minutes posted to the website

- September 20, 2023
- November 8, 2023
- January 10, 2024
- March 13, 2024
- May 22, 2024





Basic Rights: Evaluation and Eligibility A Free Virtual Workshop for Parents and Professionals

Basic Rights: Evaluation and Eligibility provides an introduction of the complex special education laws and procedures.

Workshop Topics:

- Individuals with
 Disabilities Education Act
 and Massachusetts Laws
- Evaluations and Referrals
- The Team Meeting
- Individualized Education Program (IEP) and 504 Plans
- Effective Progress
- Transition
- Review of Important Timelines
- Strategies for Success and more!



About Your Host:

Hanover SEPAC

The Hanover SEPAC strives to promote communication and programs within the community to encourage greater understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of children with disabilities and to encourage an atmosphere of mutual respect among all students, families, school staff, and the community at large.

Presenter: Joann Lebherz, Educational Advocate

Date: Thursdays 11/30/2023

Time: 6:30-8:30

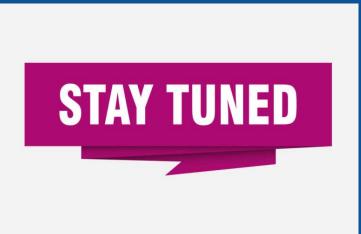
Registration Link:

https://fcsn-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kdems pzouGdQwQw8iN1FExu7rvVbH96Ed#/registration

For more information about the educational workshops available from The Federation for Children with Special Needs, please visit us at fcsn.org/ptic/workshops or email: workshops@fcsn.org

23-24 Upcoming Events

SEPAC parent/community social Workshops with In- district professionals Transition Planning New IEP format information session



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