

## Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) are required for all school districts in New Jersey. The purpose of these groups is to provide opportunities for parents and community members to offer input to their districts on critical issues relating to students with disabilities

*N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.2(h) states that:*

*“Each board of education shall ensure that a special education parent advisory group is in place in the district to provide input to the district on issues concerning students with disabilities.”*

## Empowered Families: Educated, Engaged, Effective! OUR VISION

*We aim to improve the systematic issues for children classified for Special Education, Related Services, and to promote inclusion of children with special needs with the necessary supports within their schools and communities at large.*

## Pequannock Special Education Parent Advisory Council

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## Pequannock Special Education SEPAC

*Parents Helping Parents -  
You're Never Alone*



The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a district wide organization created by parents to support the emotional, social and academic well being of children with special needs. We provide information, educational opportunities, resources, and support to families and professional striving to achieve the maximum benefit for all children in our community.

## Our Mission

The mission of the Pequannock Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is to facilitate communication between parents, staff, and administration, regarding the district's special education programs; and to provide input to the District on issues concerning students with disabilities.

## We hope

To have an open forum for discussions on the systemic issues occurring to receive resolution from district. Keeping the systems focus on improving special education services and programs.

## MEETINGS

There will be five **SEPAC** meetings during the 2021-2022 school year.

**Location: Zoom**  
**Time: 7:00-8:30pm**

October 2021

November 2021

January 2022

March 2022

May 2022

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*We will have more information about the meetings on our social media pages, the school district website or just email us and we will forward the information to you.*

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Please note these are meetings for  
**ADULTS ONLY - NO CHILDREN**

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All systematic issues can be emailed to [pequannock.sepac@gmail.com](mailto:pequannock.sepac@gmail.com) to be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

## SEPAC's Role

- To provide direct input on the policies, programs, and practices that impact services and supports for students with disabilities
- To increase the involvement of families of children with special needs
- To advise on issues that affect the education, health and safety of students with special needs.

**JOIN US!**  
**LET'S MAKE A**  
**DIFFERENCE**  
**TOGETHER!**