



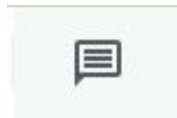
# Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

December 12, 2022

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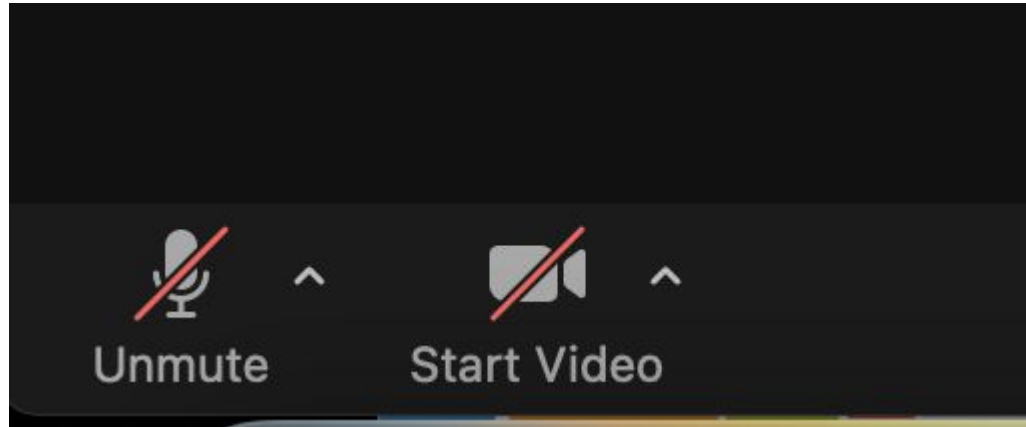
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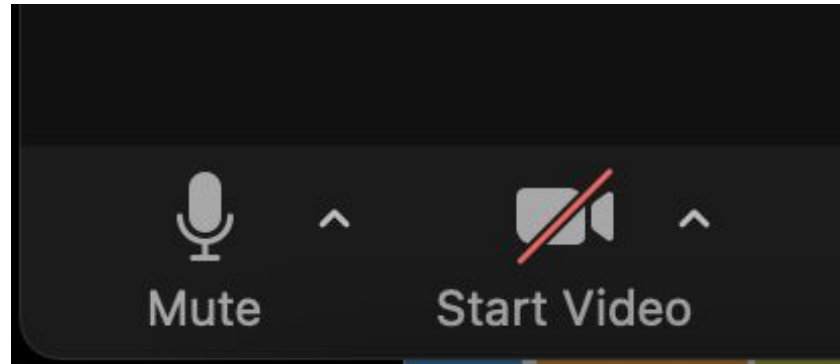


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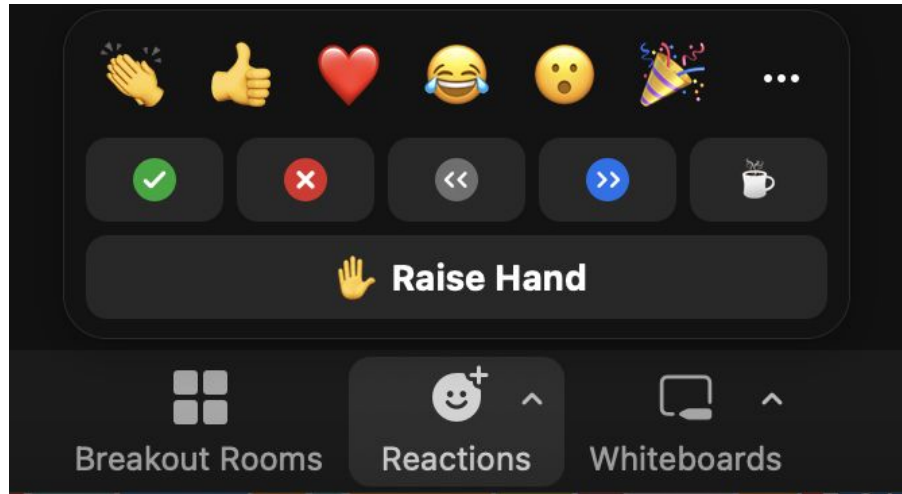
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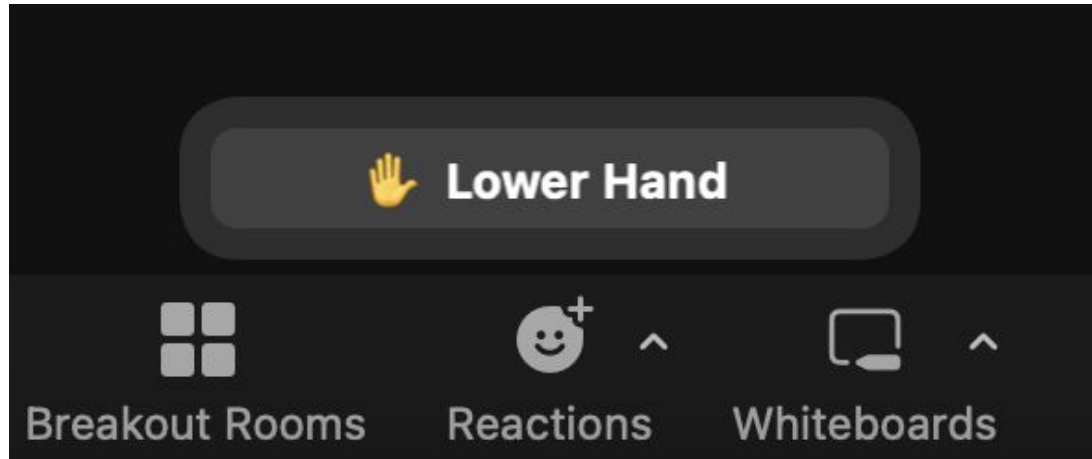
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**Saint Paul Public Schools  
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# Welcome

We're glad you're joining us.





# Member and Guest Introductions

## Share:

- your name
- if you're a member or guest
- a little about your child
- where your child attends school
- What brings you to SEAC tonight?

# Agenda

**6:20 p.m. Approve November minutes**

**6:25 p.m. Check In- Jim Vue Board of Education Chair**

**6:45 p.m. Special Education Update, Brenda Natala, Executive Director, Specialized Services**

**7:00 p.m. Charting the LifeCourse- Amy Eelkema and Jackie Kelly, Charting the LifeCourse Ambassadors**

**7:40 p.m. SEAC Forum/meeting reflection**

**7:50 p.m. Announcements: Events, Resources, Agenda requests**

**8:00 p.m. Adjourn**

6:20-6:25

# Approve November minutes



# Introduction to SEAC

## What is SEAC:

SEAC is a group of parents, guardians, staff and community members that meet monthly to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in decision making.

## How does SEAC work:

At SEAC meetings members are informed and share input to improve programs and systems for students with disabilities and their families.



# “What are Parents Supposed To Do At SEAC?”

- Learn** something that will benefit your child.
- Share** what you learn with people in your community (neighbor, friend, child’s teacher....)
- Ask questions and share input.**

\*For more check out PACER’s SEAC materials.



6:25- 6:45 p.m. (20 minutes)

# Check In, Jim Vue, Board of Education Chair



6:45- 7:00 p.m. (15 minutes)

# Special Education Update



# Office of Specialized Services

**Brenda Natala**, Executive Director of Specialized Services

**Sarah Zielinski**, Assistant Director, Early Childhood Special Education

**Amy Johnson**, Assistant Director, K-12 (Asst Supt. Adam Kunz schools)

**Chong Thor**, Supervisor, K-12 (Asst. Supt. Dr. Vang schools)

**Dr. Kimberly Adams**, Supervisor, K-12 (Asst Supt. Billy Chan schools)

**Kimberly Totushek**, Supervisor, K-12 (Asst Supt. Nancy Paez schools)

**Compliance Team:** Christina Richardson, Darcy Steinberg

**[OSS Organization Link](#)**: schools and assigned supervisors





# Office of Specialized Services Updates

## Transitions

- Brenda Natala - retirement end of school year
  - Opportunity to give input on director search in 2023
- Amy Riley - special education project coordinator leaving SPPS as of January 6, 2023

# Legislative Agenda

## Special Education Overview



Newly elected Minnesota legislators from the St. Paul area visiting Como Elementary last week and this week with Superintendent Gothard to learn about special education and funding priorities.



7:00- 7:40 p.m. (40 minutes)

# Charting the LifeCourse (CTLC) Training



# SEAC Membership Drive

## How do all families get access to SEAC?

- SEAC is shared with all SpEd staff via OSS newsletter
- SpEd Coaches will be sharing information, having conversation and inviting families to attend
- SEAC members & guests share information with their communities
- [OFECF website](#)
- [Special Education Family Engagement](#) webpages
- [SpEd website home page](#)

## How do all families get the same information that SEAC does?

- [SEAC website](#) posts agendas, minutes, and recordings



# SEAC School Year Planning

## What are our goals for the school year?

### Theme/s

- Back to the Basics
- SpEd Touches everyone

### Projects

- Student Spotlight
- All PAC
- Connecting with other SEACs
- SEAC School Year time line

### Standing Agenda items:

- District Requests for feedback



7:40 - 7:50 p.m.- 10 min

# SEAC Forum/Reflections

Open time for hearing parent voice, sharing stories from the disability community, giving feedback for future agenda items.



7:50 - 8:00 p.m. (10 minutes)

# Meeting Announcements

(Events/Resources/Agenda requests)

- Dec 7 - ABCs of the IEP for parents of transition age students
- Dec 14 - Connecting Families Kick Off



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**Next SEAC meeting  
Monday, January 9th**



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