



Mashpee Public Schools

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Dear Mashpee Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer and your children are enjoying the start of a new school year. I'd like to first introduce myself as the Interim Director of Special Education for Mashpee this year. I've met many of you over the last 15 years as the School Psychologist and Special Education Team Chairperson at the Quashnet School and I'm thrilled to be able to work with you for one more year.

This is a big year for special education in Massachusetts, as the state has adopted a new IEP format which is more student-focused and strengths-based. This means that the IEP you create this year at your child's Annual Review will look quite different. Our special educators have participated in training to navigate this new document and are prepared to roll out this new IEP. I'll also be sharing a video walkthrough of the new IEP later this month so you, too, are prepared for this change.

As a parent or guardian of a child with a disability, you are invited to participate in our Special Education Parent's Advisory Council (SEPAC). Throughout the year, the SEPAC hosts speakers and shares information and support. The first meeting of the Mashpee SEPAC will be focused on Basic Rights - look for the announcement soon! If you are interested in learning more about the SEPAC, please email SEPAC@mpspk12.org and we will share more information! We are also looking for parents to help lead the SEPAC alongside others who have stepped up last year. Many hands make light work, so if you'd like to be a part of SEPAC leadership, please email as well.

Best regards,

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Interim Director of Special Education Services

Enclosure: Parents' Procedural Safeguards
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Mashpee--A Connected Community

All students, regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or homelessness, have equal access to the general education program and to the full range of co-curricular/enrichment/sports programs offered by the Mashpee Public Schools.