

## Parent Resources

### **Federation for Children with Special Needs**

617-236-7210 / 800-331-0688

[www.fcsn.org](http://www.fcsn.org)

### **Massachusetts Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils (MASSPAC)**

781-784-8316

[www.masspac.org](http://www.masspac.org)

### **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**

781-338-3000

[www.doe.mass.edu/sped](http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped)

### **Special Education Law and Advocacy**

[www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com)

### **Massachusetts Advocates for Children**

617-357-8431

[www.massadvocates.org](http://www.massadvocates.org)

### **New England INDEX: Database of MA Disability Resources**

[www.disabilityinfo.org](http://www.disabilityinfo.org)

### **Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress**

781-221-0024

[www.mdsc.org](http://www.mdsc.org)

### **Central Mass Autism, West Boylston**

508-835-4278

[www.autismresourcescentral.org](http://www.autismresourcescentral.org)

### **Seven Hills Foundation**

508-755-2340

[www.sevenhills.org](http://www.sevenhills.org)

## You are welcome to attend!

The Auburn District School Board invites all parents and interested members of the public to attend Special Education Parent Advisory Council meetings. Meetings may include, but are not limited to, invited speakers, “Basic Rights” workshop, and **SEPAC** resources and information.

The Committee meets at 5 West Street, Auburn.  
Meeting schedule available at

[www.auburn.k12.ma.us](http://www.auburn.k12.ma.us)

**SEPAC** membership is open to any resident of Auburn, as well as non-resident parents or guardians of Auburn students. There is no fee to join Auburn **SEPAC**, send us an email at

[auburnmasepac@gmail.com](mailto:auburnmasepac@gmail.com)

with the following information:

Name  
Mailing address  
Phone Number  
Email

or attend one of our meetings to become a member!

## Special Education Parent Advisory Council 2018-2019

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[www.auburn.k12.ma.us](http://www.auburn.k12.ma.us)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/auburnsepac](https://www.facebook.com/groups/auburnsepac)

## What is a special education parent advisory council?

A Special Education Parent Advisory Council (**SEPAC**) is a state mandated and supported advisory group. **SEPAC** provides input to the School Committee pertaining to the education of students with disabilities. The group also provides information to parents, guardians and the community about the special education programs offered to children and youth.

## Who should be involved?

- ✓ Anyone with a child who receives special education services
- ✓ Anyone who thinks their child may have learning issues or differences, behavioral, attention, social, or emotional issues
- ✓ Anyone with a student eligible for receiving services under an IEP or 504 plan
- ✓ Anyone who would like to network and expand their advocacy skills
- ✓ Anyone who want to help other parents by sharing what they have learned from past experience
- ✓ Parents, community members and educators who want to learn about special education procedures and resources

## About the Auburn SEPAC

The **AuburnSEPAC** is an organization of parents, guardians, teachers and administrators who have joined together to provide information, support and partnership to promote an educational environment where children with learning challenges have equal access to educational opportunities.

**Support:** Families should never feel alone. The members of **SEPAC** understand the daily struggles that families have and the need to talk through concerned.

**Educate:** The **SEPAC** provides parents with tools, resources and information that they need to navigate and effectively participate in the Special Education process.

**Parents:** The **SEPAC** is a volunteer parents' organization focused on helping parents of special needs children.

**Advocate:** Although we do not represent each family individually, our role is to represent the collective voice of our parents to the School District. We are heard at multiple tiers within the school district and work with and provide input to school administrators.

**Community:** As a result of the good work being done through the **SEPAC**, parents have entered into a community to accomplish great things.

## Meetings & Events

**September 18<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm – 8:30pm)** – Welcome to SEPAC, 504/IEP questions & answers

**October 16<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm – 8:30pm)** – Emergency Preparedness for those on 504's and IEP's

**November 13<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm – 8:30pm)** – Community Resource Fair

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** - Parent Support/Night Out – Email [Auburnmasepac@gmail.com](mailto:Auburnmasepac@gmail.com) for more details and to RSVP.

**January 15<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm – 8:30pm)** – Exceptional Lives Presentation

**February 12<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm- 8:30pm)** – Applying for Mass Health guidance.

**March 19<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm – 8:30pm)** – Understanding 504's, IEP's, Initial Special Education Evaluation and why formal testing is done.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> (6:30pm-8:30pm)** – ADHD/Executive Functioning

**May 14<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm-8:30pm)** – Parent's Basic Rights

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** - Parent Support/Night Out – Email [Auburnmasepac@gmail.com](mailto:Auburnmasepac@gmail.com) for more details and to RSVP.

*All meetings to be held at 9 West St (New Middle School) unless otherwise noted. Please see [www.auburn.k12.ma.us](http://www.auburn.k12.ma.us) for any changes in the meeting schedule.*