



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

What is a SEPAC?

SEPAC is the Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Every school district is required, by law, to have one. As a group, we support families of children who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), 504 Accommodations and/or Out of District Placement.

What is our SEPAC's mission?

The mission of the Berlin/Boylston SEPAC is to work toward the respect, understanding, support and appropriate education for all children with special needs in our community.

To do that, we:

Advise the school district on:

- special education programs
- parent and teacher training needs
- policy development

Create a network to share information 1:1 and online

Encourage understanding, acceptance, inclusion and compassion for all children

Share information with other SEPAC's

Help members locate information related to Special Education law

Support the special education staff with volunteers and resources where possible



What are our SEPAC's activities?

- Monthly meetings, guest speakers and social events
- Personal or online parent-to-parent support
- Fundraising
- Scholarships for graduating seniors

SEPAC is also visible and connected to the school community as members or attendees at meetings for these school and parent groups:

- Berlin & Boylston Parent-Teacher Associations
- School/Community Committees
- District Wellness Committee
- Administrative Search Committees
- School Improvement Councils

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We need YOUR help!

The SEPAC has volunteer parent officers, voted in each year, but there are many opportunities for members to participate!

Here are some specific projects and activities:

- Teacher Appreciation Awards
- Parent-to-Parent Facilitators
- Scholarship Committee

Please Join Us

- Membership is Free!
- Parents/Guardians of students in the Boylston/Berlin Public Schools
- Anyone affiliated with the Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

Benefits of Membership

- Offer and receive support as we cope with our children's needs and challenges
- Participate in workshops and events
- Share your perspectives with administration and staff
- Learn to advocate for your child by increasing your knowledge of special education laws and parents rights
- Access to information from federal, state and community organizations



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