Special Education Parent Advisory Council FAQs

● **What is the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)?**
  ○ SEPAC is a state-mandated, parent-run group working to promote a network of parents, guardians, and caregivers of children with special needs.
  ○ SEPAC advises the district on matters that pertain to the education, health, and safety of students with special needs and disabilities from ages 3 to 22 years.

● **Why SEPAC?**
  ○ Network with parents, guardians, and caregivers
  ○ Share your own expertise and experiences
  ○ Learn about the available services
  ○ Learn to advocate for your child’s needs
  ○ Volunteer and bring excellence to the educational experience of all students

● **When?**
  ○ SEPAC holds parent workshop about 4 times per school year. Workshops are typically after school at one of the Match School sites.
  ○ Special Education staff will be reaching out to parents with specific information.

● **What topics are discussed?**
  ○ SEPAC works with specialists and school officials to provide workshops on topics of importance to parents.
  ○ SEPAC will meet regularly with school and district administrators to participate in planning, developing, and evaluating the school’s special education programs.
  ○ Our first topic will be understanding parents’ basic rights in special education.
  ○ Please complete the provided survey to give us your input!

● **Interested in joining SEPAC? Join if you...**
  ○ Are parents and/or guardians of children who receive any type of special education services or accommodations in school, such as an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a 504 accommodation, or out-of-district placement.
  ○ Think your child has learning challenges.
  ○ Would like to understand or have an interest in the Special Education process.
  ○ Are a parent, educator, or any member of the community who wants to learn more!
Ask our Special Education staff how you can get involved!

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