

We would like to welcome you to the Exceptional Education Family Advisory Council (EEFAC) for the 2020-2021 school year. The EEFAC exists as an independent organization of parents of children who receive services from the Exceptional Education Department of Metro Nashville Public Schools. Any parent or guardian of a child who receives these services is eligible to be a member of EEFAC. We hope that every EE parent will consider themselves a necessary and valued voice for our community.

Historically, The EEFAC has held in-person quarterly meetings in September, November, January, March and May during the school year. Those meetings were topical in the interest of offering education and guidance to EE parents while maintaining opportunities for communication with the MNPS EE Staff and advocating for changes to benefit all. This year will look different because our circumstances and needs are different.

In accordance with the Virtual Learning plan, we have created the following online opportunities for our families to stay informed, engaged, and connected:

- The EEFAC has an online Facebook Page **@TheExceptionalResource** where we offer MNPS information and additional resources and opportunities for our EE Families. We are currently sharing and sourcing vital information regarding concerns around IEPS, CLIPS, and FAPE. Please *Like* the page to stay up to date.  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheExceptionalResource>
- On that same page, under *Groups*, there is also a Private Group called **MNPS EEFAC Parent Group** that Exceptional Education Families can join.  
[www.facebook.com/groups/mnpseefac/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mnpseefac/)  
Click the Join link and answer the mandatory 3 questions.  
On this page, you will find the most recent and up to date EEFAC Info and Events
- We also have a website with this information at **The Exceptional Resource**  
[www.TheExceptionalResource.com](http://www.TheExceptionalResource.com)

In our MNPS EEFAC Parent Group, you will also receive the Schedule and Contact information for our

- **Monthly Virtual Town Hall Meetings with The Exceptional Education Department Leadership Team**
- **Quarterly virtual Teach-In Opportunities** - scheduled within our FB Group and shared via Events. Topics will be determined by the needs and desires of our group. We welcome your input as to the topics and information that you want and need.
- **Weekly Updates** regarding the weekly meetings with the EEFAC Chairs and the Chief of Academics and Schools, Mason Bellamy

If you do *not* have Facebook then the above event information will also be available via email and you may sign up for our **EEFAC Email List** at <https://www.theexceptionalresource.com>

Finally, many of our families are already accustomed to accommodating circumstances that are not ideal for our children. It seems that given this unique school year, we may have the advantages of experience, wisdom, and hope in the face of extraneous academic challenges. We are thankful for another year to learn and grow with this amazing group.

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