



Concord Public and Concord-Carlisle Regional Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) March 2015 Newsletter

A Busy Winter. In between our many snow storms, the SEPAC has been updating our bylaws, organizing fun and informative events, and creating a new website to make it easier for you to find important information for your child (www.concordsepac.org). We also have a new twitter account so be sure to follow @concordsepac to get up-to-date information about topics that may be affecting our community. A big thank you to Aiyana Currie, Technology Coordinator, and Erin Pasternak, Publicity Coordinator, for setting these up!

We want to hear from you! Please visit the SEPAC website at www.concordsepac.org and tell us what you think. We are currently compiling a list of clinicians, special programs, and activities so let us know if there is a person or program that you feel should be included on our site. You can submit this information by filling out the feedback form at www.concordsepac.org.

Make Your Voice Heard. Please attend the Town Meeting on Monday, April 13, to vote on issues impacting our schools.

Have you ever considered attending a conference or training program in order to empower yourself and family member with special needs to achieve independence, productivity, and inclusion?

The Council Empowerment Funds Program can provide financial assistance to help you achieve this goal by providing a maximum of \$500 per year in order to attend a conference or training program with these objectives. Massachusetts residents are encouraged to apply by completing a short application and summary describing how the program you would like to attend can benefit you or your family. For the application and more information, please visit: <http://www.mass.gov/anf/employment-equal-access-disability/disability-info-and-resources/dev-disabilities-info/citizen-empowerment/council-empowerment-funds-program.html>

Upcoming Events. We hope to see you at our future events!

Connect with other parents in our community! Join us on April 9th for a Coffee Social from 9:30-11AM at 121 Hubbard St.



Do you have questions about special education in middle school? Please join us on April 16th from 9:30-10:30 for a presentation by Lynne Beattie, Principal of Concord Middle School, and her staff in the Peabody Forum. Whether your child will be transitioning this year, in several years, or has already transitioned, this talk is sure to be informative for all!



Please join us on May 6th from 9:30-11 (rain-date May 13th) in the Ripley Conference Room for a presentation about the Playscape at Ripley, a nature park designed to connect people of all ages and abilities with nature. This presentation will include a tour of this amazing space!



Stay tuned for our Fun-in-the-Sun Family Social Event in June!

All SEPAC business meetings typically take place on the first Wednesday of each month and are open to the public! We encourage parents and caregivers of children with special needs to attend.

Please visit our website (concordsepac.org) for a list of all of our upcoming meetings.

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April 1: SEPAC Business Meeting
9:30-11 A.M.
Concord Main Library Conference Room.

April 9: Coffee Social
9:30-11 A.M.
121 Hubbard St.

April 16: Special Education in Middle School
9:30-10:30 A.M.
Peabody Forum

May 4: SEPAC Business Meeting
9:30-11 A.M.
Concord Main Library Conference Room.

May 6: The Playscape at Ripley Presentation
rain-date May 13th
9:30-11 A.M.
Ripley Conference Room.

June 3: SEPAC Business Meeting
9:30-11 A.M.
Concord Main Library Conference Room.

We'd hope to see you soon!