



*Promoting understanding,  
acceptance, and inclusion  
of all students*

# Lincoln Special Education Parent Advisory Council

## (Lincoln SEPAC)

# What is a SEPAC?

A SEPAC is a Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Every public school district in Massachusetts is required to establish a SEPAC whose duties “shall include but not be limited to: **advising the school committee** on matters that pertain to the **education and safety** of students with disabilities; **meeting regularly with school officials** to participate in the **planning, development, and evaluation** of the **school committee’s special education programs** (Chapter 71 B, Section 3, Mass. General Law).”

The Lincoln SEPAC has been rebuilding for the past couple of years. In this interim stage, we have developed a strong partnership with the Administrator for Special Education and are looking forward to expanding our collaboration to building-based leadership and the School Committee.

# Advocacy, Education, Support

#1

Promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of all students with disabilities.

#2

Advise the school district on policies, programs, practices, and services that have an impact on students with disabilities.

#3

Facilitate communication between families and school officials.

#4

Offer opportunities for families, educators, and students to increase their awareness of issues and best practices pertaining to students with disabilities.

#5

Provide opportunities for families of students with disabilities to connect, support, and network with one another.

# Priorities & Accomplishments in Interim Stage

- Built awareness and visibility:
  - Monthly meetings (virtual)
  - Website, social media, flyers
  - Educational & social events
  - Hiring processes: Administrator for Special Education, Coordinator for Student Services
- Built a supportive community of families:
  - Monthly drop-in coffees
  - Family socials
  - Time at meetings to share experiences and concerns

# Priorities & Accomplishments in Interim Stage

- Built strong partnership with Lisa Berard, Administrator for Special Education:
  - Monthly meetings with Co-chairs
  - Listening sessions with families (in person and virtual)
- Educational programming:
  - Dr. Christopher Willard: resilience & mindfulness as schools transition from COVID (March 2022)
  - Dr. Erik von Hahn: Establishing a successful interface between home and school (March 2023)
  - Allan Blume, Educational Consultant, on new IEP (coming June 4, 2024)

# Priorities & Accomplishment in Interim Stage

- Formalizing SEPAC
  - Bylaws approved: February 2024
  - Board elected: April 2024

**Co-chairs:** Gabrielle Berberian and Katy Perkins

**Secretary:** Kara Soo

**Membership Coordinator:** Michiko Kita

**Program/Event Coordinators:** Jessica Callow  
Maureen (Mo) Slotnik – Hanscom Liaison

**School Committee Observer:** Yogesh Dayma

## Looking Ahead

**Membership and  
Engagement**

**Collaboration  
with the District**

**Survey of  
Families'  
Needs**

**Educational  
Programming**

**Commitment to  
AIDE**

**Recognition of  
SEPAC**

# Thank You!



**Fall SEPAC Social at Codman Farm**