



# Lake Central School Corporation

## Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

### LCSC-SEPAC



## What Is a SEPAC?

Parent participation is one of the six components of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). A Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) is a collaboration between the school district and parents to identify unmet needs, celebrate victories, and help shape the development of programs, services, and policies.

The mission of the LCSC-SEPAC is to facilitate collaboration and communication between students, parents/guardians, staff, and administration to promote inclusion, understanding of, respect for, and supports for all children in need of special services in our community.

The LCSC-SEPAC is an all-volunteer organization that works to collaboratively engage interested parties and deliver appropriate services to students with IEPs and 504 plans through advice and resources and working WITH the school corporation to enact change and improve the quality of district-wide services, policies, programs, and practices.

## What We Do:

- Empower parents/guardians to help their children grow within our schools and communities
- Provide a forum for parents to ask questions, get answers, and discuss concerns collaboratively with the school district
- Meet regularly with district administrators to discuss general education and special services, policies, and programs.

## BENEFITS:

- **Outreach** – engage families of students with disabilities so they are involved in shaping local special education programs and collaborative efforts with the school corporation
- **Positive Relationships** – parents and school corporation establish shared goals for the benefit of students with disabilities in the corporation
- **Collaborative Problem Solving** – the LCSC SEPAC thrives on team spirit and team action – different perspectives and collaboration towards a common mission – improve outcomes for ALL students receiving special education services and support
- **System Change Based on Input** – parents have a positive input and resource to advise school leaders on unmet needs
- **Information Sharing** – provide an opportunity for districts to share information with parents about instructional programs, available supports, and other matters related to special education
- **Deepened Respect and Trust** – overtime, parents and school corporations working together builds trust
- **Improved Services and Programs**

## What We are NOT:

- An advocacy group – we do not focus on individual needs but rather a systemic approach to issues affecting all of our students
- A Special Education PTO – we do not plan activities or fundraisers
- We do not decide policy or have formal authority to issue directives

## We Need YOU!

This is a process overtime, not overnight. We need your input to facilitate the change that matters for our kids. Let us know if you are interested in email information about issues and events or serving as a representative for your school

Please complete the survey (QR Code or link available on the LCSC website under Departments – Special Education/504

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