



# What is SEPAC?

We are parents and guardians of special education students who provide information and support to each other.

We meet regularly with school administrators to give input about the policies and programs that affect our children.

## Education

- We organize monthly **educational programs** on topics such as: IEPs and team meetings, executive function, anxiety and mental health, neuropsychology, transition planning, and more.
- Our **website** has links to numerous resources and is updated constantly.

## Input

- We hold **monthly meetings** with NPS Special Education Directors to discuss issues and provide feedback. These meetings are open to all members of the community.
- We have **ongoing communication** with Special Education Directors and Building Coordinators to address parent questions and concerns.

## Networking

- Our **parent liaisons** (see back) help parents connect with one another.
- We host **informal coffees and social events** throughout the school year.
- Our **Facebook Parent Group** allows parents to ask questions and share information with each other.

## Get Connected

- ✓ **Visit Our Website**  
Our website has information about our monthly meetings, events in the community, and links to many special education resources.  
[needhamsepac.org](http://needhamsepac.org)
- ✓ **Subscribe To Our Newsletter**  
Each month we will email you information about SEPAC meetings and community events.  
[needhamsepac.org/newsletter](http://needhamsepac.org/newsletter)
- ✓ **Follow Us On Facebook and Twitter**  
Get updates and reminders about SEPAC events right in your feed.  
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- ✓ **Join Our Facebook Parent Group**  
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[facebook.com/groups/needhamsepac](https://facebook.com/groups/needhamsepac)
- ✓ **Mark Our Meeting Dates In Your Calendar**  
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## Monthly Meetings

All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. During the first hour we meet with administrators to discuss topics of common interest. The remaining time is reserved for parent-only discussion to share experiences and ask questions related to special education.

*Please note: At this time, all meeting locations are TBD.*

### 2020-21 MEETING DATES

<b>Tuesday, September 22</b>	9:30am – 11:00am
<b>Tuesday, October 27</b>	9:30am – 11:00am
<b>Tuesday, November 17</b>	12:00pm – 1:30pm
<b>Tuesday, December 15</b>	9:30am – 11:00am
<b>Tuesday, January 26</b>	12:00pm – 1:30pm
<b>Tuesday, February 23</b>	9:30am – 11:00am
<b>Tuesday, March 23</b>	9:30am – 11:00am
<b>Tuesday, April 27</b>	9:30am – 11:00am
<b>Thursday, May 25</b>	9:30am – 11:00am

## Educational Programs

Our educational programs cover a wide range of topics each year. Please check our website for additional program dates.

### NEEDHAM'S SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 7:00–9:00pm**

Please join us for our annual overview of what Needham has to offer students with all types of needs at all of our schools, from preschool through age 22. This is an opportunity to meet all of the Special Education Directors, gain a general understanding of special education in Needham, and hear about what will be new this year.

## SEPAC Awards

Each year, we invite parents to nominate Needham Public School employees who are truly exceptional, and have gone above and beyond in their work with students with special needs. Award winners include teachers, specialists, administrators, and staff members who have been nominated by SEPAC members. Nominations will be accepted starting in April.

**Thursday, May 13, 2021, 7:00–9:00pm**



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