Chelmsford Special Education Parent Advisory Council



Fall 2018 Newsletter

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We need you!

SEPAC is conducting a survey to quantify and qualify levels of understanding and satisfaction for the services our children are receiving from the Chelmsford Public Schools. This information will be used to improve SEPAC's family supports and provide input to the school committee on the district's special education programs.



The

survey was sent to qualifying families through X2 on November 5.

It only takes 5-10 minutes of time for your voice to be heard.

Parent Workshop: An IEP for My Child

Presented by: Lynne Hanley, via FCSN
Describes the Individualized Education Program (IEP)
document, its development, how to articulate a vision and write
measurable annual goals and how to monitor a child's progress.
A sample IEP Writing Guide is provided to assist participants in
understanding the IEP.

Tuesday, January 15, 6:45-8:45PM Chelmsford Public Library, McCarthy Room

Do you have a question about your child, their services, or resources specific to your needs? Send an email for private & confidential assistance: csepacliaisons@gmail.com

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Thursday, November 29 at 7PM CSEPAC will hold the regularly scheduled meeting at CHS Learning Commons.

There are two important items on the agenda:

CSEPAC Bylaws

A special meeting was held on November 1 to draft new bylaws. The draft can be viewed here:

chelmsfordsepac.weebly.com/meetings--minutes.html

There will be time on Nov. 29 to discuss the changes and there will be a vote on proposed changes.

Amendments to the bylaws require a ½ majority.

School Committee Presentation Subcommittee

A subcommittee will be formed to prepare for and present the recommendations for special education programming to the Chelmsford School Committee.

Subcommittee members will determine a subcommittee chair, meet several times, prepare a written report, prepare a presentation, and speak at a school committee meeting in February. Interested parties should attend the Nov. 29 meeting or contact a board member.

Chelmsford Open Spaces Commission Tree Hunt 2018

'Twas the night before Thanksgiving
And all through the wood,
Families decorated trees
And made them look good.
We called on our friends
To brighten our tree,
We used all colors and ribbons
To represent all abilities!



Can you find our tree in Crooked Springs?

Board Members

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