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SEPAC Notification Letter

August 23, 2017

Hello,

Great news! On Friday, August 18 an informational packet, including a letter encouraging parents and guardians to consider their participation in forming a new parent-led SEPAC group, was mailed. The letter was sent to families of students with disabilities by email blast, and was posted on the website.

To date, we have had an amazingly positive response from families across the district. The responses include families of students of all grade levels and disability categories. At this moment, we have 15 families who have responded to the letter and email notification who have expressed interest in the parent-led SEPAC. These interested families do not include the individuals who are working with Mrs. Mancini (copied). Mrs. Mancini recently notified the district that she was forming an exploratory group.

Given the renewed interest in forming a SEPAC group, the next steps would be to schedule an informational session with the Federation for Children with Special Needs (Ms. Leslie M. Leslie, Director; copied) to assist the parent-led group in starting this new advisory council. The Federation offered to provide an informational session/training to parents and guardians.

The next steps will be to work with the Federation to schedule an informational session. Once a date has been identified, all interested parties will be notified.

If you are interested in participating in the SEPAC informational session, it is not too late. Please contact the Special Education Office at (978) 640-7800 x207 or by email: <u>rpelletier@tewksbury.k12.ma.us</u> or <u>abosworth@tewksbury.k12.ma.us</u>

Thank you!~