

Hello Families,

We hope that you are all healthy and safe! As the school closure continues, WPS enters Phase 2 and new learning is introduced, we are reaching out to make sure that everyone knows that the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) for Wayland Public Schools would love to hear from you! We are checking in regularly with Student Services Director, Richard Whitehead, and are working to bring your questions, experiences, and concerns to his attention. Please read on for information on our weekly check-ins and a brief overview of the SEPAC's role in the community. An active SEPAC is a vital part of our community under the best of circumstances, but now more than ever! We invite you to join in the conversation by visiting **our new website** (with many grateful thanks to Lisa Bagley for getting us up and running) <http://waylandsepac.com/> or by emailing waylandsepac@gmail.com. Parents and guardians of students who are receiving 504 or IEP services through the WPS district may also join us on Facebook via the "Wayland SEPAC Parents" page.

What is the Wayland SEPAC?

The Wayland SEPAC is a network for parents and guardians of children with disabilities that provides a forum to share information and discuss matters of interest and concern regarding our children as well as acting in an advisory capacity to, and facilitating communication to and from, the Wayland Public Schools administration. All are welcome to join our public meetings but only the parents and guardians of students receiving special education services through Wayland can be voting members and/or join our Facebook page.

How to contact us

We have a large number of Board members and Liaisons, listed below. You may reach out to them (and their Committees) directly or through waylandsepac@gmail.com. There is a private Facebook page for those eligible to be voting members and we welcome you to join "Wayland SEPAC Parents". We also send out periodic emails for those who have asked to join our email list. To join this list or to contact us for any reason, we invite you to email waylandsepac@gmail.com. If you are writing with a concern or question and you are not comfortable sharing extensively, that is fine. A brief comment about "we're really struggling with x" or "y is working really well" is also helpful information.

What's happening now

Early this year, we planned a series of speakers and events to help bring our community together. We got off to a good start with our social at The Local in February, but, given the current situation, have had to cancel or postpone events and gatherings and have moved meetings online. At the moment, we have a **weekly check-in** via Zoom on Wednesday evenings as an informal way to compare notes, share information and stay connected. We post the Zoom link every week on Facebook and <http://waylandsepac.com/>

We invite you to be active and add your view and perspective to the ongoing conversation! We hope you are all well and look forward to (virtually) seeing you soon!

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Wayland SEPAC Co-Chairs

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