



WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Department of Special Education

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Massachusetts Special Education Regulations require each school district to create a Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC advises the school district on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities. The PAC also participates in the planning, development, and evaluation of the school district's special education programs. Membership is open to all parents of eligible students, as well as other interested parties.

The Massachusetts Special Education Regulations require each school district to provide parents and guardians with a copy of the enclosed *Parent's Notice of Procedural Safeguards* annually and to provide training each year to help parents and guardians understand the special education process. This training will be on the agenda for our September 16th PAC meeting.

We welcome and encourage your participation; it is essential to improving our programming. Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Ware Junior Senior High School cafeteria. If you need child care at these meetings, please contact me or Joanne Paquin *in advance* at 967-7261.

Sincerely,

Mary Birks
Director of Special Education

1 Enclosure
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