



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Director of Student Services

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to welcome you back to school for the 2022-2023 school year. Student Services has been busy this summer hiring and welcoming over 30 new staff. Our ESY program has wrapped up another successful year serving over 125 students. We are excited to welcome our students back to school on 8/31/22.

You are invited to join the Westwood Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). The mission of this organization is *to work for the understanding of, respect, and support of children of all abilities in our community*. The SEPAC holds informational and social events throughout the year and is a very helpful resource for parents. The next SEPAC meeting will be held on **October 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. (location/virtual TBD)**. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other local families who have children receiving special education support services. Please visit the SEPAC [events page](#) for upcoming meetings and presentations as well as general information about the group. I hope you will join the discussion; your input and participation is key to a successful collaboration in support of your child's education in the Westwood Public Schools.

Linked in this letter, please find a copy of the [Parental Notice of Procedural Safeguards](#). This document is distributed each year to all parents of students with Individualized Education Programs in an ongoing effort to inform you of your rights on behalf of your children. I encourage you to read this document and keep it accessible for future reference as it informs you of your due process rights in accordance with special education procedures. If you have any questions about the information in this document, need a copy mailed to you or need it translated into another language, please contact the Student Services Department at 781 326-7500, x1345, and we will be happy to assist you. Multiple translations are already available on our webpage at http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/district/district_administration/Student_Services/

I hope you enjoy the last week of summer and wish you and your family a healthy and safe new school year.

Sincerely,

Abigail C. Hanscom
Director of Student Services

Attachments

[Parent's Rights brochure](#)