### What is the purpose of the SEAC?

The purpose of SEAC is to work with the school board, administrators, parents, and teachers who are responsible for students receiving special education services. Specific functions include the following:

- Advise the local school division of needs in the education of children with disabilities
- Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities
- Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of children with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the local school board
- Assist the local school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of children with disabilities for educational services
- Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board



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### Who serves on the committee?

The SEAC committee consists of members who have been appointed by the MCPS school board. The majority of the committee must be parents of children with disabilities, individuals with disabilities, and must include at least one MCPS teacher. Additionally, membership may include community service agency representatives or business and industry representatives. The committee is consulted by The Director of Special Education and assisted by select members of his team.

#### **SEAC Community Contact Representatives**

Auburn Community:

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# Who are the students receiving special education services?

Students who have been identified under one or more of the following classifications:

- Autism
- Deafness
- Blindness
- Developmental Delay
- Emotional Disability
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectualy Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
  - Traumatic Brain Injury
  - Visual Impairment

### How can SEAC help you?

Attending the advisory meetings can help you better understand how to work with the school division and how special education can meet the needs of children and youth with disabilities. If you have any questions about attending this group, or have a question about special education, email your representative listed in this brochure.

## Who may attend SEAC meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in special education is welcome to attend the meetings. There is a designated time for public comment during the meeting. This is an opportunity to share successful educational experiences and express general concerns regarding issues for students with disabilities. Meetings dates are published on the MCPS website under special education, SEAC. But meetings are typically held once a month (August through May) from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at the Special Education Office.