



# Belmont Special Education Advisory Council

## **Q: What is the BSEAC?**

**A:** The Belmont Special Education Advisory Council (BSEAC) is Belmont's special education parent advisory council (SEPAC), mandated by Massachusetts state law. We are family members of children with disabilities who educate each other, collaborate with school professionals, and exchange ideas and information. We welcome participation from all interested community members.

## **Q: How can I participate in the BSEAC?**

**A:** Just let us know who you are and what you need. We are a volunteer run organization. We welcome sharing of ideas and contributions of your time and talents.

## **Q: What does the BSEAC do?**

**A:** We advocate for a quality education for all students, advise the Belmont school administration and school committee on special education issues via regular meetings, assist families to effectively participate in the special education process by hosting monthly parent information sessions, communicating via our listserv and website, and providing a resource library at Chenery Middle School, and acknowledge school professionals and community members in their efforts to support our children with the annual Appreciation Awards Ceremony.

## **Q: How do I find out about what's happening with the BSEAC?**

**A:** Join the listserv to find out what's going on. Visit our website and Facebook page for updates. Contact our co-chairs or your school representative, listed below.

Listserves: [BSEAC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:BSEAC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Website: [www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bseac](http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bseac)

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