

# Belmont Special Education Advisory Council

## **Our Mission:**

“The school committee of any city, town, or school district shall establish a parent advisory council on special education...The parent advisory council duties shall include but not be limited to advising the school committee on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities; meeting regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of the school committee’s special education programs.”

—*Massachusetts State Law, Chapter 71B*

## **Who We Are:**

The Belmont Special Education Advisory Council (BSEAC) is a parent advisory group as 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.

## **What We Do:**

- ▶ We advocate for a quality education for all students.
- ▶ We advise the Belmont school administration and school committee on special education issues.
- ▶ We assist families to effectively participate in the special education process.
- ▶ We acknowledge school professionals and community members in their efforts to support our children.

## **How We Do It:**

- ▶ We provide workshops, presentations and discussions for families and professionals.
- ▶ We meet regularly with school administrators and the school committee.
- ▶ We communicate via our listserv and our website.
- ▶ We host the annual Appreciation Awards evening.
- ▶ We offer a resource library at the Chenery Middle School.

## **How Can We Help Each Other?**

- ▶ Let us know who you are and what you need.
- ▶ Join the listserv to find out what’s going on.
- ▶ Share your ideas.
- ▶ Contribute your time and talents.

## **What’s Coming Up?**

Workshops on Special Education in Belmont, Executive Function, and Occupational Therapy to take place during the 2012-2013 school year.

## **Get in Touch, Keep in Touch**

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