

## Our Mission

The Douglas Parent Advisory Council's mission is:

To empower, support, and assist children who receive special education services to their full potential.

To promote a network of parents/guardians of students who receive or need special education services, to provide a forum to share information, educate, advocate, and raise awareness through community outreach.

To promote social opportunities within the community that can be enjoyed by children of all abilities.

To advise the Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services, the Superintendent, and the School Committee regarding parent/guardian concerns.

To promote communication between Douglas PAC members, local, state, and national organizations, councils, and groups.

## DPAC Meetings

2017 - 2018

Wednesday, September 6



Tuesday, October 10



Thursday, November 9



Wednesday, January 10



Thursday, February 8



Thursday, March 8



Wednesday, April 11



Tuesday, May 15

All DPAC meetings will be held in the Douglas Elementary School library at 6 pm.



We will hold a special daytime meeting on **Friday, September 29 at 9 am** in the Douglas Elementary School.

## Douglas Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)



<http://www.facebook.com/douglasparentsadvisorycouncil/>

## Outside Resources

The following may be helpful to you and your family.

Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)  
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/>

FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (FCSN)  
<http://fcsn.org/>

SPED CHILD & TEEN  
<http://www.spedchildmass.com/>

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES (NCLD)  
[www.nclld.org](http://www.nclld.org)

UNDERSTOOD  
[www.understood.org](http://www.understood.org)

AANE: ASPERGER/AUTISM NETWORK (AANE)  
[www.aane.org](http://www.aane.org)

## Who should join a Special Education PAC?

- Parents and or guardians of children who receive any type of special education services such as Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), a 504 Plan or an out of district placement.
- Parents who think their children may have learning difficulties and or differences.
- Parents and or community members who would like to know more about the special education process.

## Volunteers

We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers to assist us that have a variety of talents and interests. If you would like volunteer, please email us at:

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