

# Parents/Guardians of Children with Special Needs

The BPS Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SpedPac) welcomes you back to school and invites you to attend our First General Meeting of the new year:

**When: Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Where: English High School, Cafeteria (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**  
**Childcare Available - Please join us !!**

There are more than 10,000 children on IEPs in the Boston Public School System (“BPS”). We need to work together to have a collective voice on special education issues. For childcare at our meetings, please RSVP at least three (3) days before the meeting, so we can plan for adequate coverage at:

(617) 635-8600 or at [spedpac@boston.k12.ma.us](mailto:spedpac@boston.k12.ma.us)

## Topics of Discussion for September 29<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

**General discussion of new school year issues:** Come and Learn about the changes in Special Education within BPS, and let us know the issues you are confronting with placements, IEPs, services and other special education matters.

### SpecPac Website:

<http://www.bostonpedpac.org> is Live. We are trying to create a website with the go-to information to assist parents/guardians of special needs children within BPS.

### Meeting Dates for 2011-2012 School Year: (Thursdays at English High 7-9pm)

September 29 October 27 November 17 December 15

January 26 February 16 March 29 April 26 May 31 - Annual Elections

### SpedPac Workshop:

#### **Bullying Prevention Workshop for Parents of Students with Disabilities**

Sponsored by Spedpac in partnership with the Boston Public Schools

Led by bullying prevention experts Kim Storey, Ed.D., Ron Slaby, Ph.D., and Ed Donnelly  
Bullying Prevention and Research Institute, Education Development Center, Newton, MA

Are you concerned about bullying in children’s lives?

Do you want to learn—and help your child learn—how to deal with bullying?



This workshop addresses the challenges of dealing with bullying involving students with disabilities. It provides an opportunity to work together with the Boston Public Schools to ensure effective bullying prevention for all students. Parents will learn effective strategies they can use with students to prevent and stop bullying. The presentation includes important information on the Massachusetts Bullying Prevention and Intervention Law, especially as it applies to students with disabilities. Parents will learn how IEP Team meetings can include strategies to help students develop appropriate skills to understand, prevent, and stop bullying.

Please join us at our **General Meetings**. The stronger we are together, the louder our voice will be heard.

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