Mission

SEPAC acts as a resource for parents, advising the district on matters related to the support, programs and performance of students with special needs and disabilities, grades kindergarten through Six (K1-6).

SEPAC provides support, networking, and workshops to help parents become informed about special education topics and connect with other parents.

Elected officers represent parent interests at meetings, and discussions and help organize events of interest to parents.

Joining BRCPS SEPAC

If you are interested in joining BRCPS SEPAC, please email Stacia Copeland, Director of Unified Student Services at scopeland@brcps.school

SEPAC is comprised of volunteers who dedicate time to provide resources for parents and advice to the district on matters pertaining to the education and safety of students with disabilities.

This brochure was developed to provide BRCPS families with information about SEPAC with the intention of establishing an active and functioning SEPAC within the BRCPS community.
**Who are we?**

**SEPAC** is comprised of volunteers who dedicate their time to act as a resource for parents. The intention of SEPAC is to advise the district on matters that pertain to the education, health, and safety of students with special needs and disabilities in grades kindergarten through 6 (K-6).

**Why?** Commonwealth of Massachusetts regulations require that Special Education Parent Advisory Council advise the district on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities. SEPAC members meet regularly with district administrators to participate in planning, developing, and evaluating the district’s special education programs.

**When?** SEPAC will hold series of parent training and participation events during winter-spring 2020.

Visit our website dates and information regarding parent events:

[www.bostonrenaissance.org](http://www.bostonrenaissance.org)

Contact Stacia Copeland to join:

scopeland@brcps.school

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**Outreach and Resources**

**Office of Unified Student Services**
1415 Hyde Park Ave
Hyde Park MA, 02136
Telephone: 617-357-0900 x 4200

**Boston Renaissance Charter Public School**

**Contacts:**
Homepage: [www.bostonrenaissance.org](http://www.bostonrenaissance.org)
Main office: 617-357-0900

**State Contacts:**
**Office of Civil Rights (504s):**
[www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/index](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/index)

**Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education**
[www.doe.mass.edu/sped](http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped)

**Compliance (PQA):** 781-338-3700
Bureau of Special Ed Appeals 781-338-6400

**Additional websites:**
[www.doe.mass.edu/sped/parents.html](http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/parents.html) - MA Department of Education, Special Education
[www.thomchild.org/charles-river](http://www.thomchild.org/charles-river) - Early intervention
[www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org) - Reading for blind & Dyslexic
[www.PPAL.org](http://www.PPAL.org) - Parent/Professional Assoc./Mental Health
[www.Parentcenterhub.org](http://www.Parentcenterhub.org) - Center for parent info & resources
[www.MassFamilyTies.org/index](http://www.MassFamilyTies.org/index) - health and community
[www.LDOnline.org](http://www.LDOnline.org) - Learning Disabilities
[www.foodallergyadvocate.com/504Plan](http://www.foodallergyadvocate.com/504Plan) - Allergies
[www.FCSN.org](http://www.FCSN.org) - Federation for Children with Special needs
[www.epilepsy.org](http://www.epilepsy.org) - Epilepsy and Seizures