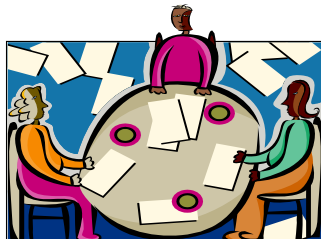


YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE UPCOMING

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY FORUM

Monday, September 22, 2008



7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m

The Office of Special Education and the Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC) are asking for your input on the approved *Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Special Education Staffing Plan for 2008-2009*. This input will be used to refine/revise the current staffing plan in preparation for drafting the *BCPS Special Education Staffing Plan for 2009-2010*. These community sessions will also provide an opportunity for parent input on other issues regarding special education.

What is a staffing plan?

- The staffing plan documents the information and procedures used by BCPS to recommend the number and types of service providers needed to ensure the provision of FAPE (free, appropriate, public education).

Where are the community forums being held?

- *Charlesmont Elementary, 7800 W. Collingham Drive, Baltimore, MD 21222.*
- *Church Lane Elementary, 3820 Fernside Road, Randallstown, MD 21133.*
- *Dogwood Elementary, 7215 Dogwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21244.*
- *Joppa View Elementary, 8727 Honeygo Blvd, Perry Hall, MD 21128.*
- *Padonia International Elementary, 9834 Greenside Drive, Cockeysville, MD 21030.*

Why is community input needed?

- To give parents an opportunity to express opinions about the delivery of special education services in BCPS.
- To provide comments/recommendations for the *BCPS Special Education Staffing Plan for 2009-2010*.

If I can't attend the meeting, are there other ways to provide input?

- The community can provide written comment through February 2009 by sending an e-mail to: staffingplan@bcps.org or by writing to the Baltimore County Public Schools, Office of Special Education at 6901 Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204.

To preview the current *BCPS Special Education Staffing Plan for 2008-2009*, visit:

www.BCPS.ORG/OFFICES/SPECIAL_ED/STAFFING_PLAN.HTML

For more information contact the Office of Special Education, 410-887-3660.

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A joint publication of the Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC) and the Baltimore County Public Schools, Office of Special Education
Its purpose is to provide families and staff with information related to children with disabilities.

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Meeting Dates 2008-09

September 8, 2008

October 13, 2008

November 10, 2008

December 8, 2008

January 12, 2009

February 9, 2009

March 9, 2009

April 20, 2009

May 11, 2009

June 1, 2009

7-9 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public.

Meetings are held in Room 114
of the ESS Building on the

Greenwood Campus,
6901 Charles Street,
Towson, MD 21204

Parent Comments Needed

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Meetings will take place on **Monday, September 22, 2008,**
from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at these locations:

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If you want to know more about special education services and staffing, you can find it in the *BCPS Staffing Plan for 2008-09*. The plan documents the information and procedures used by BCPS to recommend the number and types of service providers needed to ensure the provision of Free, Appropriate, Public Education (FAPE).

To preview the *BCPS Special Education Staffing Plan for 2008-09*, visit:
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New members welcome!

Join the Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC). Call

Chairperson,

Mary Baskar for details:

410-453-6644

Please join the Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC)

Membership is open to parents, students, family members, educators, community representatives, disability organizations, administrators, and all other interested persons. The committee is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Board of Education on matters pertaining to students with disabilities in Baltimore County.