

# SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



## SCHOOL YEAR: 2018 - 2019

The mission of the Special Education Department is to provide support, technical assistance and service to schools, staff, students, families and community stakeholders as we work collaboratively to promote safe schools where all children can meet with success. Through our efforts we are committed to partnering to ensure the fidelity of specialized instruction, inclusion opportunities, professional learning and rigorous outcomes for students with disabilities.

### **WELCOME PARENTS AND FAMILIES TO JOIN OUR MEETINGS**

#### **PLEASE LISTEN FOR CONNECT-ED MEETING REMINDER MESSAGES**

If you have any questions and/or need an Interpreter please contact the Special Education Department to also register for any of the workshops by calling (508)799-3093

#### **SESSION I: Parents Rights and the IEP Process**

**[10:30-NOON & 4:30 - 6:30PM]**

**\*SPED PAC Officers' election will take place at this training**

**DATE: March 21, 2019**

**LOCATION: Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving St. Worcester\***

**Special Education Reception to meet Department staff and Overview of Regulations and Parents Basic Rights to understanding the special education process:**

Panel discussion designed to help parents learn how to be effective partners with their child's school to understand the edibility process for special education, and to plan, make decisions and monitor their child's progress in school. All parents are welcome to attend a reception prior to the meeting to meet the Worcester Special Education Administration Leadership TEAM. Refreshments will be served at both meetings.

#### **SESSION II: [6:00 - 8:00 PM]**

**RESOURCE FAIR**

**PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

**DATE: APRIL 24, 2019**

**LOCATION: Worcester Art Museum Conference Room in the Higgins Education Wing**

#### **SESSION III: [4:30- 6:30PM]**

**EVERY STUDENT SUCCEED ACT (ESSA) ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS**

**DATE: MAY 6, 2019**

**LOCATION: Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving St. Worcester\***

**Academic and Behavioral Strategies to excel Student Achievement:** Parent's will learn academic interventions and resources to promote and excel their child's academic progress and also behavioral strategies to support their child using a strength based approach. Positive communication strategies is a key factor when it comes to de-escalation of your child's behavior which may include non-compliance, or anger outburst. Parents will learn strategies to engage their child using a strength based behavioral approach.

**EVENT: CELEBRATION of Our Students' Success and Those Who Support Them!**

**DATE: MAY 23, 2019 [6:00PM - 8:00PM]**

**LOCATION: Worcester Technical High School ~ Auditorium**

Award Ceremony to recognize and embrace our student's talents abilities, strengths and their self-determination through self-advocacy skills and academic achievement.