



RENFREW COUNTY  
DISTRICT SCHOOL  
BOARD

## Special Education Department

### INFORMATION BROCHURE

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# SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (S.E.A.C.)

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*When used in this document, the word  
"parent" includes guardian.*

**The Renfrew County District School Board (according to the requirements of the Education Act) has established a Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C.).**

## **POWERS AND FOCUS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Special Education Advisory Committee reports and may make recommendations to the school board regarding special education programs and services.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

A Special Education Advisory Committee shall consist of the following:

Trustees (2)

Representatives of up to 12 local associations and may consist of one or more additional members who are not a representative of a local association but agree to represent an area of special needs where there is no association.

Local associations or representatives may include:

- Autism Society
- Community Living Renfrew County South
- Easter Seals
- Family & Children's Services
- Hearing Impaired Students of Renfrew County

- Learning Disabilities Association Ontario
- Madawaska & District Association for Community Living
- Community Living – Upper Ottawa Valley
- Phoenix Centre for Children & Families
- Association for Bright Children

## **QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

A local association may write the Director of the School Board to request representation on the S.E.A.C. committee. The letter should include the nomination and qualifications of the nominee. The Board may appoint to membership of the S.E.A.C. committee only those persons who qualify.

SEAC members are appointed by the school board for the term of office of members of the board and until a new board is organized. SEAC members must be qualified to vote for members of the board and must be resident in its jurisdiction

For the purpose of the Renfrew County District School Board they must be a public school elector.

An employee of the Board is not eligible to be appointed.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**

The Special Education Advisory Committee meets 10 times during the

school year and meetings are open to the public. *A member of SEAC vacates his/her seat if absent from three consecutive regular meetings.*

Each member is expected:

- To respond to the needs of all exceptional pupils within the Board
- To become aware of the special education programs and services provided by the Board
- To bring to S.E.A.C. the concerns of the association they represent
- To keep their respective association informed about S.E.A.C.
- To be available as a resource for parents of exceptional pupils
- To be available as a resource for the schools or community

For more information regarding the Special Education Advisory Committee, please contact the Special Education Department.