

**Our Website:**  
**[www.quincypac.org](http://www.quincypac.org)**

**Related Resources:**

- [www.quincypublicschools.com](http://www.quincypublicschools.com)
- [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu)
- [www.masspac.org](http://www.masspac.org)
- [www.spedschools.com](http://www.spedschools.com)
- Federation for Children with Special Needs  
(617) 482-2915; [www.fcsn.org](http://www.fcsn.org)
- Massachusetts Advocacy Center  
(617) 357-8431; [www.massadvocates.org](http://www.massadvocates.org)

**To join our  
E-mail Family**

Can't come to a meeting? Keep informed by signing up for our E-mail list. You will receive periodic e-mails from QPAC with meeting reminders and other important information about local and regional special education speakers, seminars and events.

Send an email to **[qpacsped@comcast.net](mailto:qpacsped@comcast.net)** with your email address in the subject line. In the message box type your name and email address and 'add my email address to the list'.

**Past Meeting Workshops:**

- Anti-Bullying
- Transition
- Behavior Management
- An IEP for My Child
- Resource Fair
- Parents' Rights
- Autism Spectrum Disorders and the Law

**Library Materials**

QPAC to Special Education has developed a suggested reading list and in collaboration with Thomas Crane Library we are growing the Parents' Resource collection in the Children's Section at the main library.

Please contact Jill Gichuhi if you would like to make a donation or have a recommendation for the suggested reading list.

[www.quincypac.org/library.html](http://www.quincypac.org/library.html)

You can also make a donation of materials directly to the library.

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



A  
Group of  
Parents/Guardians  
of  
Children with  
Special Needs  
and/or  
Learning Disabilities  
in the  
Quincy Public Schools

**If your child is on an IEP, 504 plan, placed "out-of district" or receives any special services through the Quincy Public Schools, you may want to attend the QPAC to Special Education meetings.**

The Quincy Parent Advisory Council (QPAC) to Special Education is a formally organized group of parents and other interested persons committed to the best possible services for children with special needs. The council, established in 1977, functions under the state mandate for MA Regulations.

The Parent Advisory Council meets monthly. Meetings provide information, insights, techniques and encouragement through informal discussions and special presentations.

### QPAC to Special Education Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month Sept -June  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

From 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. a volunteer will be available to address any specific question or concerns a parent/guardian may have.

Meetings are held at the  
**Broadmeadows Middle School**  
50 Calvin Road, Quincy, MA

See [www.quincypac.org](http://www.quincypac.org) for updated meeting agenda, minutes or changes.

In 1984 the Quincy School Committee established a permanent Subcommittee on Special Education whose purpose is to provide the School Committee with direction on the issues and programs which effect more than 1,500 special education students in our school system. Subcommittee meetings are held in conjunction with QPAC and offer a forum for parents, staff and administration to meet with School Committee members to address special education issues.

### Scheduled Sub-Committee Meetings for the 2009-2010 year

**October 28, 2009**  
**January 13, 2010**  
**March 10, 2010**  
**May 5, 2010**

Place and time to be announced prior to each meeting.

### Parents' Empowered

A monthly parent-lead discussion group which meets at the Ward 4 Community Center every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from Sept - May, excluding Nov. and Dec.

### QPAC Executive Board (2009-2010)

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QPAC is a proud member of:

**MassPAC**, a statewide network of special education parent advisory councils, parents, and professionals working together for children with special needs.

**Advancing Parent Professional Leadership in Education (A.P.P.L.E.)** — Parent Leadership Institute — Federation for Children with Special Needs

**Quincy Drug Task Force** — QPAC's goal is to raise awareness among parents and those involved in special education of the link between learning disabilities and substance abuse.

All meetings are open to the public and are advertised in the *Patriot Ledger*, *Quincy Sun*, and on Quincy Cable Channels (QATV) 22, 10 and 8.

Autism • Communication Impairment • Developmental Delay • Emotional Impairment • Intellectual Impairment • Neurological Impairment  
• Physical Impairment • Sensory Impairment/Hearing/Vision/Deaf-Blind • Specific Learning Disability