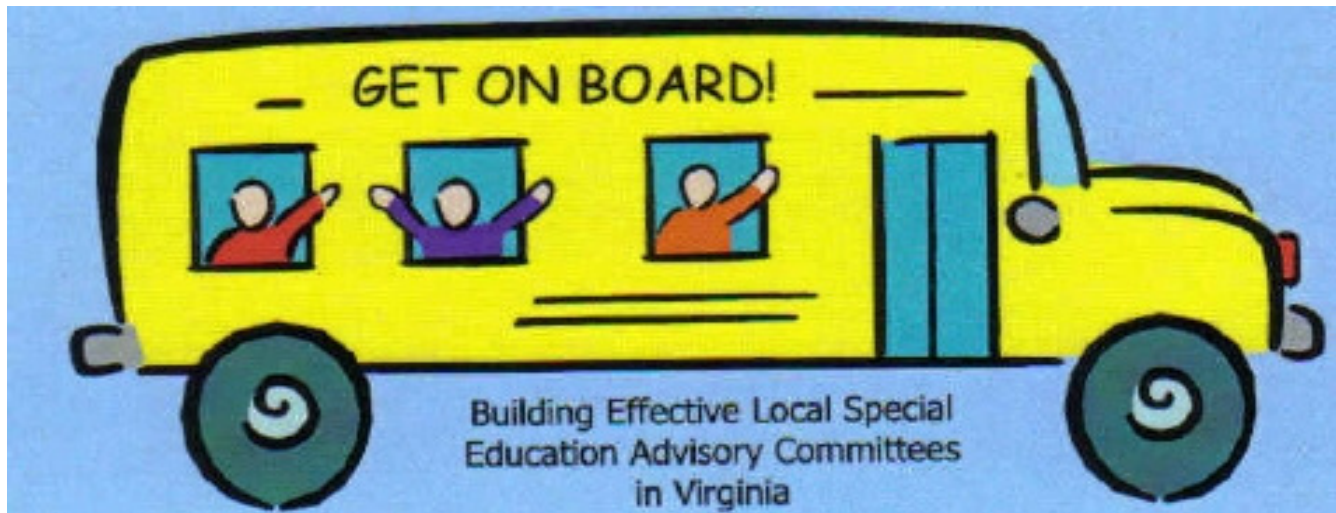


Patrick County Special Education Advisory Committee





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- Welcome and Introductions
 - Chairman – Ada Ashley
 - Vice-Chairman – Amy Martin
 - Members
 - Susan Guenter
 - Angelia Goff
 - Consultants
 - John Westphalen – Special Education Director
 - Anita Epperly – Stuart Elementary School
 - JoAnn Hill – Patrick County Public Schools
 - Pepper Martin – Patrick County Public Schools
 - Donna Martin – Department of Rehabilitative Services
 - Greg Preston – Piedmont Community Services
 - Audrey Buck – Piedmont Community Services
 - Angela Trent – Head Start
 - Teresa Hooper – Piedmont Community Services
 - Lynne Smith – Piedmont Community Services
 - Bernice Lanning – Patrick County Public Schools



Mission Statement

- It is the mission of the Patrick County Special Education Advisory Committee to work collaboratively as parents, educators, and community to achieve successful educational and personal outcomes for students of different abilities in Patrick County



Patrick County Statistics

- Total number of students with disabilities in Patrick County
524 (IEP's -460/ 504's -64)

Stuart Elementary School - 106

Patrick Springs Primary School - 58

Woolwine Elementary School - 60

Meadows of Dan Elementary School – 15

Blue Ridge Elementary School - 40

Hardin Reynolds Memorial School - 58

Patrick County High School – 185

Stanleytown HI Regional – 1

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind – 1

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Local SEAC Functions

- **Advise** school division of unmet needs
- **Assist** school division in the formulation and development of plans for improving performance of children with disabilities
- **Participate** in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting identified needs
- **Submit** periodic reports and recommendations
- **Assist** the school division in interpreting plans to the community
- **Review** policies and procedures prior to submission to the school board



Local SEAC Procedures

- Advise the school board through the superintendent of schools
- Publish public notice annually listing the
 - Names of committee members and
 - Ways in which public comment can be made
- Hold committee meetings at least quarterly
 - Current meeting dates
- Open committee meetings to the public
 - Patrick County SEAC meetings are posted in the community calendar of The Enterprise for two consecutive weeks prior to the meeting



Local SEAC Membership

- Members are appointed by local school board
- Committee should include parents of children with disabilities and persons with disabilities
- School division personnel are welcome to serve as consultants to the committee



Roles and Responsibilities Local SEAC Members

- Work Collaboratively to fulfill the six functions defined in Virginia regulations
- Serve as advisors
- Consider issues/needs at a system level
- Attend regularly scheduled meetings
- Maintain a good working knowledge of special education law



Roles and Responsibilities Local SEAC Chairperson

- Provides leadership
- Facilitates meetings (from agenda development to follow-up)
- Serves as spokesperson
- Promotes collaboration
- Assists with recruitment of new members
- Mentors new members



Roles and Responsibilities Director of Special Education

- Serves as a consultant to the SEAC
- Provides relevant and current information
- Assists the chairperson
- Provides administrative support
- Facilitates communication with the LEA
- Supports the SEAC in carrying out its functions



Roles and Responsibilities Superintendent of Schools

- Receives and reviews SEAC reports and facilitates their presentation to the school board
- Stays informed of the work of the SEAC
- Makes requests of the SEAC for advice and recommendations
- Considers recommendations made by the SEAC



Roles and Responsibilities School Board Members

- Appoints members to serve on the SEAC
- Receives and reviews SEAC reports
- Responds to SEACs about recommendations made, as appropriate
- Appoints a School Board representative to attend SEAC meetings, as appropriate
- Implements plans that incorporate SEAC recommendations, as appropriate



Roles and Responsibilities Other School Division Personnel

- Serve as consultants to the SEAC
- If also a parent of a child with a disability, serves as a consultant to avoid a conflict of interest
- Provides information on areas of expertise
- Represents shareholders with similar roles



Patrick County SEAC current projects

- Increase knowledge and membership of the local SEAC
- Establish disability resource information in collaboration with the Patrick County Autism Team and Stuart Elementary School



Local SEAC Information

- For more information or to join your local SEAC contact:
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