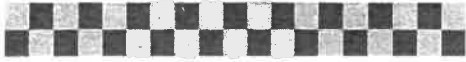


*Alone we can do so little;
together we can do much.*

~Helen Keller~



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BC SECAC
Baltimore City
Special Education
Citizens' Advisory
Committee



LOCATION OF MEETINGS
(unless otherwise announced)

Baltimore City Public Schools
200 E. North Avenue
1st Floor Board Room
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

BC SECAC

Baltimore City Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee

On September 2004, the Maryland State Board of Education adopted regulations for each local school district to establish a SECAC (Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee) to advise the local school system on the needs of students with special needs within their jurisdiction.

BC SECAC is a committee of the local school system developed to seek meaningful input from parents, families, caregivers, community partners, service providers, educators, students, and advocates to ensure students with disabilities (SWD) receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) as identified on their individualized education program (IEP).

BC SECAC members work collaboratively to advise the Board of School Commissioners and the Executive Director of Special Education on Special Education issues and to facilitate positive changes in the delivery of Special Educations.

BC SECAC Questions & Answers

Who Can Participate in BC SECAC?

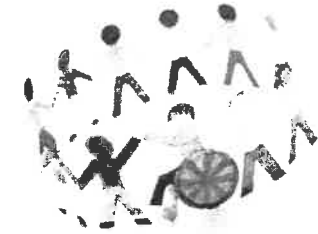
Parents, families, caregivers, students, advocates, community partners, service providers, educators, administrators, and concerned citizens are all invited to participate in BC SECAC.

Why Participate in BC SECAC?

- To acquire information and skills to improve your ability to advocate for SWD in Baltimore City Public Schools
- Build partnership with agencies to improve educational and transitional outcomes for SWD
- Actively participate and advise the district on ways to improve educational opportunities for SWD
- To develop and maintain healthy working relationships with City Schools staff to ensure a *Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)* for students who qualify for special education services

How to Become a BC-SECAC Member

All interested members are encouraged to complete a membership application. Applications will be available at all SECAC monthly meetings or by contacting the SECAC Chair or Co-Chair.



When and Where are BC -SECAC Meetings Held?

BC SECAC meetings are typically held on the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M. Meetings are held in the 1st floor Board Room of City Schools District Head Quarters Building at 200 East North Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, unless otherwise announced. BC SECAC also hosts meetings and workshops at various locations within City Schools. Refer to "Special Announcements" for these events.

Regular meeting and event information can be obtained via the BC SECAC City Schools' website and/or social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). You can also contact the BC SECAC office directly for additional information and meeting times.

