



# Barnstable Public Schools

## Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting – Thursday, January 19, 2017

Barnstable Horace Mann Public Charter School ~ Cafeteria

165 Bearses Way, Hyannis

Child Care ~ Pizza Served

**5:45 SEPAC Meeting** - Discussion with Parents

**6:30 Presentation** – Ask the Advocate

**Massachusetts Special Education Law (Section 3 of Chapter 71B) requires every school district to have a SEPAC.** This council is charged with:

*“...The parent advisory council duties shall include but not be limited to: advising the school committee on matters that pertain to the education and safety of student with disabilities; meeting regularly with school officials to **participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of school committee’s special education programs.** ...”*

**This is YOUR parent advisory council. Be involved!**

Help improve special education services in Barnstable Public Schools.

## ASK THE ADVOCATE

Presented by:

**Christine M. Riley and Tina Qvarnstrom of Cape Cod Advocate**

**Bring your IEP or 504 ~ specific questions will be answered!**

Trained Education Advocates and Parent Consultants, **Christine M. Riley** and **Tina Qvarnstrom** of **Cape Cod Advocate** will share their insights on developing IEPs and 504s that provide students with what they need to be successful in school. A Question & Answer session follows the presentation.

Both Christine Riley and Tina Qvarnstrom are professionally trained by experts and bring years of successful experience to families on the Cape. They have guided Cape Cod families through the education process for students with learning challenges.

**REMINDER → Next Meeting ~ Monday, February 13 at Hyannis West Elementary**

**Mass Health** will be available to review the services available to parents and the application process.

**Survey Form ~ Comment Form**

**Nomination Form for Wind Beneath My Wings Award**

**Available on SEPAC Website**