



October 13, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The **Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C.)** is made up of parents and advocates for students with special needs. If you would like assistance or information, please call one of the contact people listed below. We can connect you with people familiar with the processes.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS	NOMINATIONS - Representative	PHONE
Anishnawbe Mushkiki	Sheila Marcinyshyn	343-4843(w)
Community Living Thunder Bay	Colleen Valiquette	622-1099(w)
Fetal Alcohol Support/Information Network	David Fulton	935-3168(h)
Integration Action For Inclusion	Susan Blekkenhorst	935-2797(h)
Shkoday Abinojiiwak Obimiwedoan – Thunder Bay Aboriginal Head Start Neighbourhood Capacity Building Project	Tammy Bobyk	768-2342(w)/767-0753(h)
Voice for Hearing Impaired Children	Heather Conrad Mike Otway (Alternate)	577-6625(h) 476-0922(h)

Advocates can help parents/students to help themselves by

- **Supporting parents/students**
- **Analyzing and helping to resolve problems**
- **Informing parents/students of their rights**
- **Confidence building**
- **Following up on concerns**
- **Referring to appropriate agencies**
- **Accompanying parents/students to meetings**

Lakehead District School Board
625-5100

Superintendent
Colleen Kappel

Executive Secretary
625-5126
Eileen Haven

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

The Lakehead District School Board invites all parents/guardians and interested members of the public to attend Special Education Advisory Committee meetings. The Committee meets in the Board Room, Jim McCuaig Education Centre, 2135 Sills Street, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

October 21, 2009 (Will be held in the SAC Room @ Superior C.&V.I.)
November 18, 2009
December 16, 2009
January 20, 2010
February 17, 2010
March 10, 2010
April 21, 2010
May 19, 2010
June 16, 2010

Please note the SEAC Website:

<http://www.lakeheadschoools.ca/special/default.aspx?cat=66>

The website provides information on:

The Role of SEAC
Committee Members
Advocacy Information
Meeting Schedule