



SPECIAL EDUCATION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SECAC)

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Harford County SECAC Board



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Who are We?

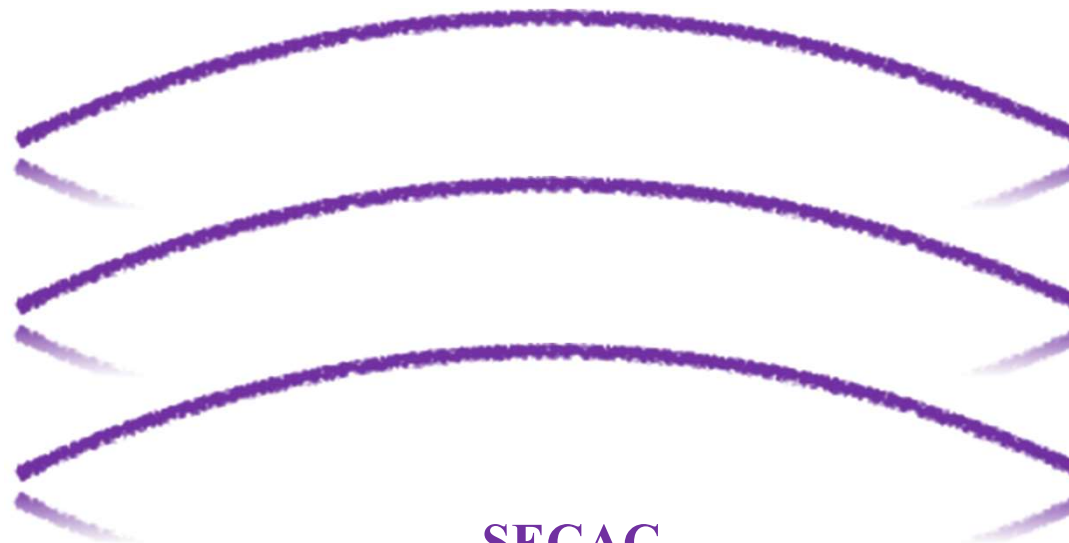
- **Parents** are a part of SECAC because they want to be informed on Special Education, learn advocacy tools, and how to connect with HCPS professionals.
- **HCPS professionals** participate because they want to interface with the community, understand the needs of the students AND to further their knowledge of Special Education. HCPS professionals use their OWN time to participate.
- **Community professionals** within the region, want to learn and inform parents/educators on Special Education topics or services.

We are a Committee, Coalition and an Assembled Community.



Harford County SECAC

HCPS
Department
of Special
Education



Families/Students

Community
Partners

HCPS
Staff/Administrators

SECAC Mission Statement

To enhance partnerships of students, families, community leaders, organizations, educators and administrators through discussions that focus on the enrichment of services and opportunities for students with disabilities and their families.



2022-2023 Harford County SECAC Meeting Schedule



Meeting Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 In-Person Location:
 McFaul Activities Center
 525 W Macphail Rd, Bel Air, MD

Date	Topic	Location	
September 15, 2022	SECAC Back to School	Virtual	✓
October 6, 2022	Social Opportunities in the Community	Virtual	✓
November 3, 2022	ADHD/Executive Function *Vincent Culotta, PhD, ABN of NeuroBehavioral Associates*	Virtual	✓
December 1, 2022	Holiday Fun with Activities Designed with your Family in mind. (Meeting Location: Harford Academy)	In-Person	✓
January 5, 2023 (return to school 1/2/23)	Skills to Support Self-Advocacy (Courtney Hart - Healing Hart Wellness and Jennifer Kelleher - Baltimore Lab School)	Virtual	✓
February 2, 2023	How to Prepare for the annual IEP Meeting - Teacher perspective	Virtual	✓
March 2, 2023	How to Prepare for the annual IEP Meeting - Parent(s) perspective	Virtual	✓
April 13, 2023 (due to Spring Break)	Transitions - - * Infants/Toddler to Elementary * Elementary to Middle * Middle to High School * High School → onward	In-Person*	✓
May 4, 2023	Mental Health - : Frank Kros, MSW, JD	Virtual	
June 1, 2023	Elections and SECAC Parent Forum	In-Person*	



SECAC In the Community



*Harford County Office of
Disabilities Trunk or Treat*



*End of Summer Fest -
HCPS - Ripkens Stadium*



*Harford County Youth & Family
Festival at HCC*



*Hall's Cross Roads Elementary
School - Back to School*

*The Golden World of Disability
event by HCPS student,
Ellie Andreen - HdG*





SECAC Highlights

- SECAC meets with the Director of Special Education & Staff on several occasions throughout the school year.
- SECAC Awareness Campaign – "Ask about SECAC"
- Virtual meetings have participation of 20+ members.
- In-person meetings offered during the 2022-2023 school year.
- Meeting giveaways have included sensory items, books on topics of Special Education, as well as Advocacy.
- Community events (in-person) - 15 events on schedule.
- June 1, 2023 - SECAC Elections



What can SECAC do for you?

- SECAC supports HCPS as a bridge between families & schools.
- SECAC promotes advocacy & communication.
- SECAC provides information & resources for families.

What can you do for SECAC?


- **Connect** your school communities to SECAC & HCPS Partners for Success (P4S).
- **Share** SECAC & HCPS Partners for Success (P4S) info.
- **Promote** the participation of SECAC & HCPS Partners for Success (P4S) in school events.



SECAC Information

Email a question or to join the SECAC distribution list:
harfordcountysecac@gmail.com

Join the SECAC Facebook group :
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1207814129409560>

or scan the QR code 

Schedule of monthly meetings:
<https://www.hcps.org/boe/CACMeetings.aspx?id=5>



Thank You!

- Our next meeting is June 1, 2023 in-person.
- Elections will be held as well as a Parent Forum to collect input from parents/guardians on HCPS Special Education.

We invite BOE members to attend
SECAC meetings.

Visit the HCPS Citizen Advisory Committee page for
the full meeting schedule:

<http://www.hcps.org/boe/CAC.aspx>