

## **TOOLS FOR CHANGE**

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#### **SEPAG's role:**

- To provide direct input on the policies, programs, and practices that affect services and supports for students with disabilities.
- To increase the involvement of families of children with special needs in school activities.
- To advise on issues that affect the education, health, and safety of students with special needs.

#### Who should attend a SEPAG meeting?

- Parents and guardians in the district with a student or students with disabilities.
- Parents and guardians in the district with a student or students eligible for or receiving services under an IEP or 504 plan.

#### What happens at a SEPAG meeting?

- Concerns related to a group of students are shared and discussed.
- District representatives provide updates related to special services in the school district and at the state and national levels.

- Parents have adequate time to discuss issues among themselves and plan the agenda for the next meeting.
- Speakers, other district leaders, and individual staff members may be invited, based upon requests from the SEPAG.

# What else can a member of the SEPAG do to advance the mission?

- Volunteer to be a parent representative regarding issues and concerns raised at your individual school.
- Remember that SEPAG meetings are not the forum for a discussion about individual students or a child's IEP. Topics are limited to those with impact on all students or a group of students.
- SEPAG meetings may prove to be for parents only. There may be times when having children at the meeting would be inappropriate. This is a decision that the SEPAG members can make ahead of time based on the topics that are to be discussed.