



ReNEW Schools
2025-2026 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report
May 29, 2026



What is the purpose of ReNEW School's Special Education Advisory Council?

R.S. 17:1944 requires local public school systems to create a special education advisory council to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The council shall also engage in outreach activities to the community at large to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education.

ReNEW Schools SEAC Members and Roles

Member	Role
Deyanira Sanchez	Parent
Catina Anderson	Parent
Stephen Baptiste	Parent
Jasmine Noble	Parent
Eddie Saylor	Teacher
Karlette Jones	Special Education Stakeholder
Stacy Marino	Special Education Stakeholder
Dr. Mary Cole-Bush	Chairperson

2025-2026 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes

December 10, 2025, 5:30-6:30PM	Virtual via Zoom Platform: Zoom Meeting Information for SEAC Meetings https://sst-renewschools-org.zoom.us/j/6963369105?omn=8632997530 0 Meeting ID: 696 336 9105	https://renewschools.org/seac
January 21, 2026, 5:30-6:30PM - canceled		https://renewschools.org/seac
March 18, 2026, 5:30-6:30PM -		https://renewschools.org/seac
April 22, 2026, 5:30-6:30PM		https://renewschools.org/seac

The ReNEW Schools Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) is an opportunity for parents, network staff, and community stakeholders to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The members of ReNEW Schools SEAC shall engage in outreach activities in the community to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration in regard to special education.



For the 2025–2026 school year, ReNEW Schools SEAC scheduled four (4) meetings. One (1) meeting was canceled; therefore, three (3) meetings were convened during the school year. Although extensive outreach efforts were conducted, including phone calls, emails, calendar invitations, informational flyers, and website postings, parent participation was limited. One (1) parent attended one of the convened meetings; however, a quorum was not achieved. No parents attended the other two convened meetings. Meeting dates were shared with SEAC members at the beginning of the school year, and members received ongoing reminders and access information prior to each meeting. Special education leaders across the ReNEW network also assisted in disseminating SEAC information to families and encouraging participation. Meeting details and access links were made publicly available on the ReNEW Schools website throughout the school year.

ReNEW Schools will continue to explore additional strategies to increase family participation and engagement in future SEAC meetings.

Executive Summary

An overview of SEAC activities and focus areas for the 2025–2026 school year is listed below.

1. SEAC Orientation and Governance
 - a. Introduction of SEAC Members and ReNEW Schools Team Members
 - b. Review of the Purpose and Role of the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)
 - c. Planning of Future SEAC Meeting Dates
2. Policies, Procedures, and Specialized Programs
 - a. Review of ReNEW Schools' Seclusion and Restraint Policy
 - b. Overview of ReNEW Special Programs
 - i. Early Childhood Program
 - ii. ReNEW Therapeutic Program
3. Academic Interventions and Student Achievement
 - a. ReNEW Schools' Intervention Procedures and Programs
 - b. Multi-Tiered Supports and Intervention Services
 - c. Understanding the LEAP Assessment and Student Performance Expectations
4. Extended Learning Opportunities
 - a. Overview of Extended School Year Services (ESYS)
 - b. Summer Enrichment and Learning Opportunities
5. Family Engagement and Parent Outreach
 - a. Ongoing Communication and Outreach to Families
 - b. Opportunities for Parent Feedback Through SEAC Surveys
 - c. Identification of Future Topics of Interest for Families



How to Join

Individuals who are interested in serving on the ReNEW Schools SEAC, are provided with a link ([CLICK HERE](#)) to complete the application. Special Education Coordinators from each ReNEW campus also explain SEAC to parents and invite them to join. The link to the application and more information about SEAC is included on the ReNEW Schools' website:

<https://renewschools.org/seac>. SEAC Applicants may include: parents of students with exceptionalities, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, and special education stakeholders. New members are notified at the start of each school term, unless a vacancy is to be filled.

All ReNEW families, stakeholders, and community members are invited to participate in ReNEW Schools SEAC meetings. SEAC meetings are virtual.