



ReNEW Schools

2023-2024 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report

May 31, 2024



What is the purpose of ReNEW Schools' 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
Sandra Stewart	Parent
Cleveland Harris Jr.	Parent
Deyanira Sanchez	Parent
Valencia Douglas	Parent
Jennifer Boyce	Teacher
Karlette Jones	Special Education Stakeholder
Stacy Marino	Special Education Stakeholder
Dr. Mary Cole-Bush	Chairperson

2023-2024 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes

September 27, 2023, 5:30-6:30PM	Virtual via Zoom Platform: Zoom Meeting Information for SEAC Meetings https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81342158680?pwd=aMdDd2RLallwVFR2WWc3TTQvZmZXZz09 Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US Meeting ID: 813 4215 8680 Password: 568493	https://renewschools.org/seac
November 29, 2023, 5:30-6:30PM		https://renewschools.org/seac
January 31, 2024, 5:30-6:30PM		https://renewschools.org/seac
March 27, 2024, 5:30-6:30PM		https://renewschools.org/seac
May 29, 2024, 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.

ReNEW Schools SEAC met five (5) times during the 2023-2024 school term. A quorum was established at each meeting. SEAC members were provided all meeting dates at the beginning of the school year. Meeting notices are emailed to SEAC members. SEAC members receive a calendar invite reminder for each meeting, that contains the link to log into the meeting. Special education leaders across the ReNEW Schools' Network also shared SEAC information with families and encouraged participation. SEAC information, including the dates and times of meetings and the Zoom link to join, is posted on the ReNEW Schools' website.



Executive Summary

An overview of SEAC activities and focus areas are listed below.

1. Overview of Related Services and Programming
 - a. Adapted Physical Education (APE) and Physical Therapy (PT) in the Schools
 - b. Occupational Therapy (OT) in the Schools
 - c. Diving into IEPs: Instructional Plans and Program Services
 - d. Better Hearing and Speech Month
2. School Health & Nursing Topics
 - a. Influenza Safety and Awareness
 - b. Holiday Stress
3. Overview of Procedures and Policies
 - a. Navigating the High School Application Process in New Orleans
 - b. ReNEW Parental Involvement Policy
4. Overview of Additional Programming at ReNEW Schools
 - a. ReNEW Early Childhood Program
 - b. Extended School Year Services (ESYS)
 - c. Reading Intervention Program: Lexia
5. Parent Surveys and Feedback
 - a. SEAC Survey
 - b. Parent Perspectives & Future Topics
6. Highlights and Accomplishments of SEAC
 - a. After receiving feedback from a SEAC parent, ReNEW Schools added additional programming to after school enrichment activities for students who may not be interested in sports or other athletic activities (i.e., creative writing, etc.)

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://www.renewschools.org/special-education-advisory-council>. 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.