

## What is a Parent Advisory Committee?

Each intermediate school district in Michigan is required to appoint a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) composed of representatives from each of its constituent districts.

The representatives "shall consist only of parents of students with disabilities with at least one parent from each constituent local school district and public school academy. ..."

*(Rule 340.1838 Michigan Department of Education Revised Administrative Rules for Special Education, February 2018).*

In Wayne County, this is the WCPAC. Our members often serve as an information source and advocates for other parents in their community. With a total population of approximately 1.8 million, Wayne County is the most populous county in the State of Michigan and the 18th most populous county in the nation.

There are 33 school districts in 43 Wayne County communities serving approximately 226,000 students. Additionally, there are 108 Public School Academies (PSAs) serving 64,000 students for a combined total of approximately 290,000 students in public schools County-wide.

### When? Where?

- Meetings occur on the second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, April, and May
- Meetings begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

Please visit [resa.net/pac](http://resa.net/pac) to get the latest meeting locations.

## WCPAC Special Events

*Informing Presentations for Parents, Self-Advocates, Staff and Community Members.*

During each monthly business meeting, there is an informing presentation on areas of interest identified by WCPAC Members.

## Special Recognition Ceremony

The Special Recognition Ceremony gives each WCPAC representative an opportunity to recognize a person or organization that has enhanced the lives of students with disabilities in Wayne County. This person or organization can be a teacher, ancillary staff, doctor, social worker, parent support group, club or advocacy group, really anyone who positively impacts the lives of students with disabilities in Wayne County.

The Special Recognition Committee prepares a certificate that is presented to the recipient and a plaque engraved with the recipients' names resides on the wall just outside of Arthurs Auditorium at Wayne RESA. this is a great opportunity for us to recognize our county's unsung heroes.

## Special Trainings / Presentations

Trainings are scheduled periodically, based on need and interest. Watch our website for the most up-to-date information!

## Reminders

Text reminders for meetings, special education alerts, training/presentation information, etc., are available.

Sign up today by texting @wcpacmtg to 81010.

## Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee Executive Board

TBD

**Chairperson**

TBD

**Co-Chairperson Elect**

TBD

**Secretary**

TBD

**Treasurer**

## Wayne RESA Representatives

Dr. Jennifer Taiariol

**Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Early Intervention Services**

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**Wayne RESA Director of Special Education and Early Intervention Services**

Theresa Franklin

**Special Education Consultant**

Celeste Johnson

**Special Education Consultant**



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## About the WCPAC

- The WCPAC participates in the development and implementation of the Wayne County Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services.
- The WCPAC works to provide parents the opportunity to provide input and support to the planning of special education.
- WCPAC members often serve as an information source and advocates for other parents, staff, and community members.
- Working together, we can make sure that students with disabilities in Wayne County receive the services and supports that they need to succeed and excel in the school environment and beyond.

## WCPAC Mission Statement

Our Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee embraces all children with disabilities by dedicating ourselves to learning so that we may teach parents and caregivers about special education law and best practices.

*-Officially adopted by WCPAC Members November 2007*



## Contact Us

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**Website:** [www.resa.net/pac](http://www.resa.net/pac)



Visit our website for valuable information including meeting dates, agendas, minutes, by-laws, forms, valuable special education information, and to find your WCPAC

representative.

## Who Represents You?

If there is not a current representative for your district, one of our dedicated WCPAC members would be happy to assist you.

**District Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WCPAC Member(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Contact Information:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**Superintendent:** Daveda J. Colbert, Ph.D.

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