



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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THE MANDATE/ROLE OF SEAC

The Special Education Advisory Committee of the York Catholic District School Board was established, in accordance with the Education Act, to make recommendations to the Board with respect to any matter affecting the establishment and development of special education programs and services for students with exceptional needs.

Some of the areas of focus are philosophy and goals, program delivery systems, services and facilities, policies and procedures, funding, annual review of Special Educational Plan, interaction with other Board committees in related areas and any other matters concerning special education as determined by the committee or requested by the Board.

The role of SEAC will ensure that the Board is aware and keeps pace with changing community and professional views and concerns.

MEMBERSHIP OF SEAC

The composition of SEAC is outlined in the Education Act and is composed of three school trustees; one representative from each of the local parent associations, not to exceed 12, in the area of jurisdiction of the Board, as nominated by the local association and appointed by the Board. The Board may appoint additional members at large who are not representative of the above and are not members of the Board or on a committee of the Board.

HOW CAN SEAC HELP ME AND HOW CAN I HELP SEAC?

SEAC members are available as a resource for students with exceptional needs, parents/guardians of such students, schools, educators, trustees and the community.

SEAC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

AUTISM ONTARIO –YORK REGION CHAPTER

Loyal True Blue & Orange Home
11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4S 1L2
Telephone: 905-780-1590
Email: autismyork@aol.com
Website: www.autismontario.com/york

This is a charitable organization with a history of over 46 years representing the thousands of people on the autism spectrum and their families across Ontario. Made up of knowledgeable parents, professionals, and autistic self-advocates who can speak to the key issues that impact those with autism and their families, Autism Ontario is the province’s leading source of information and referral on autism, and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community.

COMMUNITY LIVING YORK SOUTH

101 Edward Avenue.
Richmond Hill L4C 5E5
Telephone: 905-884-9110 or 905-889-5239
Fax: 905-737-3284
Email: info@communitylivingyorksouth.ca
Website: www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca

The goal of this association is to assist people with developmental handicaps to live in a state of dignity, share in all elements of living in the community, and have the opportunity to participate effectively. This association work in conjunction with the school, student and their families to plan for the transition from school to community.

The York Catholic District School Board seeks to help all students reach their God-given potential so that they may participate fully in society, with competence and dignity. We recognize and celebrate the individual differences among students, and endeavour to offer inclusive and specialized programs which respect and accommodate individual student needs. YCDSB is committed to creating and maintaining an equitable learning environment reflected through inclusive programs, curriculum, and practices with a mission to ensure that every child has an equal chance for success.



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DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF YORK REGION

P.O. Box 2063, Stn B
Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4E 1A3,
Telephone: 416-410-3696; 1-800-649-3696
Email: info@dsayr.on.ca
Website: www.dsayr.on.ca

This association is a non-profit, charitable organization made up of a group of parents, educators, and community support professionals who firmly believe in the inherent equality of persons with Down Syndrome. We are committed to promoting a positive image of people with Down Syndrome as being valued community members.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES, YORK REGION

17250 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 147
Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6Z1
Telephone: 1-888-703-5437(KIDS)
Website: www.york.ca/specialneeds

Early Intervention Services of York Region offers services to children who have a developmental need, an established diagnosis, or are at risk of acquiring a developmental need. It provides consultation to families in their homes, as well as in community programs.

EASTER SEALS ONTARIO

One Concorde Gate, Suite 700
Toronto, ON M3C 3N6
Telephone: 416-421-8377 / 1-800-668-6252
Email: info@easterseals.org
Website: www.easterseals.org

Easter Seals Ontario provides programs and services to children and youth with physical disabilities across Ontario to help them achieve greater independence, accessibility and integration.

INCLUSION ACTION IN ONTARIO

88 Berkley Crescent
Simcoe, Ontario, N3Y 4M7
Telephone: 1-877-681-5128
Email: contact@inclusionactionontario.ca
Website: www.inclusionactionontario.ca

Inclusion Action in Ontario is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the inclusion of students with disabilities in education and the community. We believe that inclusive education is the foundation of an inclusive life. For over 30 years, our work has influenced educators and school boards, but we focus on providing support to families who are seeking to enrich the lives of their children.

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION, YORK - SIMCOE

9040 Leslie St. #208
Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 3M4
Telephone: 905-884-7933 Fax: 905-770-9377
Email: info@ldayr.org
Website: www.ldayr.org

As non-profit volunteer organizations, we provide information, support, guidance and resources for parents and professionals. Our aim is to further the educational, social, recreational, legal, medical, vocational and employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

THE YORK CENTRE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

11225 Leslie Street
Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1N5
Email: info@theyorkcentre.ca
Website: www.theyorkcentre.ca

The York Centre provides a range of mental health services for children, youth and families who live in the Region of York. Services are delivered by a multi-disciplinary team based upon a holistic approach to social, emotional, academic and familial needs.

With the understanding of our mission statement, the York Catholic District School Board is attempting to meet its legislated responsibility to provide appropriate programs and services for all its students. The major educational needs of most students are met within the regular classroom. However, some students are exceptional, i.e. those students whose behavioural, communication, intellectual or physical need or a combination of these, are such that the student is considered to need special educational support programs and services.

This flyer has been prepared to inform students, parents, guardians, educators, school trustees and the community of how to access the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). We seek your assistance in ensuring the best possible programs are available for all our students.

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