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If you are interested in developing a committee for a special need not currently addressed, please contact Karen Salomon or Frank Roccograndi.

We welcome comments, ideas, & suggestions from administrators, teachers, support staff, families, and community members.

Our organization has donated numerous books, DVDs, and VHS tapes on a variety of topics to the Upper Dublin Public Library, located at 805 Loch Alsh Avenue, Ft. Washington, PA 19034. Please visit the library to use these valuable resources.

SPEAC does not endorse any specific product, educational program, therapies, schools, service providers, or practices of any individuals. We are not meant as a replacement for legal or medical advice.

SPEAC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. To make a donation, please send your check made payable to "SPEAC" to Bill Kaiser at: 1401 Lexington Dr, Maple Glen, PA 19002

Available Resources

- The ARC of Pennsylvania
www.thearc.org
- Disability Rights Network of PA
(800) 692-7443
- Education Law Center
www.elc-pa.org
- Hoagies Gifted
www.hoagiesgifted.org
- Kids Together
www.kidstogether.org
- Lindamood Bell Learning Processes, Inc.
610-581-7411, www.lindamoodbell.com
- PA Assoc. for Gifted Education (PAGE)
www.pengifted.org
- PA Department of Education
(717) 783-6913, www.pde.psu.edu
- PA Education for All Coalition (PEAC)
Parent Consultant Network
(267) 232-0570, www.paedforall.org
- Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania
www.parenttoparent.org
- PA Training & Technical Assistance (PATTAN)
(800) 441-3215
www.pattan.net
- Rights to Education Local Task Force c/o MCIU
(610) 539-8550
- Special Education Consult Line
(800) 879-2301
- Special Needs Family Resource Center
www.specialfamilies.com
- Wrights Law (special ed. advocate)
www.wrightslaw.com

Our Mission Statement

The Special Education Advisory Council (SPEAC) to the Upper Dublin School District is a non-profit parent organization. We support learning for all students and seek to ensure the needs of special education students are continuously identified and effectively addressed so that these students are given the opportunity to participate fully in the general education classroom. We provide education, information, support and resources to parents, teachers, school administration, and the community to increase awareness of the needs of these students.



The School District of
Upper Dublin

and

The Special Education
Advisory Council

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“EDUCATION FOR ALL”

A series of educational and informative
programs designed for all
parents and educators.

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Visit us at www.SPEACofUD.org

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Dear Parents,

The true quality of any school or school district can be best measured by its commitment to meeting the needs of all students.

The School District of Upper Dublin—working closely with SPEAC (Special Education Advisory Council) - remains dedicated to offering educational programs to assist all students in striving for and reaching their full potential.

During the past seven years, I am extremely proud of the strides that have been made within our District to promote higher expectations, greater support, and expanded opportunities for students with special needs, in nearly all cases, within the regular educational environment. The progress made is a direct result of the strong parent-school connections forged through the efforts of SPEAC and our teachers and staff.

While so much has been accomplished, there is still much to be done and I remain very much inspired by the leadership provided by Neil Evans, Jean Prindle, and all the parents and teachers involved in SPEAC throughout the past years.

As the Superintendent of Schools, I am most thankful for your continued support and encourage all parents, teachers, and staff to join us as part of and/or working with SPEAC as true partners in the education of all our children and young adults.

Sincerely,
Michael Pladus
Superintendent of Schools

CALENDAR - Meetings start at 7:00 PM

UD Twp. Bldg: 801 Loch Alsh Ave, Ft. Washington
Upper Dublin HS: 800 Loch Alsh Ave, Ft. Washington
MGES Library: 1581 Ft. Washington Ave, Maple Glen

Oct. 4 (Tues.) - "Meet & Greet". An opportunity to learn more about SPEAC and to meet parents, school district administrators and educators.
UD Twp. Bldg.

Oct. 19 (Weds.) - "Homework Help". Learn strategies for getting through homework without tears from you or your child. **MGES library**

Nov. 7 (Mon.) - Family Night at Bounce U. Reservations required. For special needs children and siblings. Contact SPEAC for information.

Nov. 15 (Tues.) - "What's Next After High School". College planning for students with learning differences and transitioning from high school to the workforce. **UDHS library**

Dec. 14 (Weds.) - "Wilson Reading Program in UDSD and the Community". Learn about how this program can help your child. **MGES library**

Jan. 25 (Weds.) - "ESY". What parents need to know about the Extended School Year. **UD Twp. Bldg.**

Feb. 23 (Thurs.) - "Strategies to Help the ADD/ADHD Learner". **UD Twp. Bldg.**

Mar. 28 (Weds.) - "Helping your Child Make Friends". Strategies for parents to help children who are socially awkward but yearn to find a friend in and out of school. **MGES library**

Apr. 24 (Tues.) - "Dual Exceptionality". Addressing the needs of children who are both gifted and who have a disability. **MGES library**

May 30 (Weds.)- "Special Education Review". Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Michael Pladus, will review district accomplishments and discuss plans for the upcoming year. **MGES library**

Parents As Partners

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"I can assure you there is no more powerful advocate for children than a parent armed with information and options..."

Rod Paige
Former U.S. Secretary of Education