



Welcome to the Department of Equity, Inclusion, Intervention and Inspiration

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Celebrations in Professional Development

We have already engaged in hundreds of hours of professional development! Please find some of the topics below that were enhanced for Remote and Hybrid Learning. Teachers now have access to a Professional Development Repository with hundreds of hours of PD courses, screencasts, and research find just a few below:

Assistive Technologies
Building Positive Relationships
Enhancing Student Engagement
Establishing Relationships Remotely
Equity
Navigating Difficult Conversations with Students
Social-Emotional Learning
Social Justice
Talking about Race
STEAM in the Classroom
Math, Math, Math
Technology, Technology, Technology
Seesaw
Literably
Flipgrid
Freckle
Nearpod
WeVideo
Google for Education
Transition to Life
Trauma Attuned Classrooms
Great Schools Partnership!
...and so much more!

Being an Involved Parent in the Department of *Inspiration*

As leaders in LPS we have the unique gift of collaborating with talented and involved parents. Recently, I have heard questions about how parents can get involved in the areas of equity, inclusion, intervention, and inspiration. This volume of our newsletter will focus on just that! The opportunities to be involved in your child's schools have grown exponentially in the last ten years. Please find a few examples below.

Each school in Livingston has a **SEPAC - Special Education Parent Advisory Committee in every building**. These are parent-led groups who collaborate with school staff and administration to celebrate our children's accomplishments, discuss district programming and initiatives, answer questions, and solve problems. All parents of students who are educated in and out of the district are welcome to be members of this committee. These are active groups who advertise their meetings with personal invitations to all families of children in and out of district. **Parents are invited to their child's home school SEPAC meeting but are welcome to attend any of the meetings across the district. You will find a schedule below and on our district SEPAC website.** Each of these SEPAC's has two leaders who are selected through the HSA process for committee chairs and are appointed by building principals. The leaders meet as a whole executive team to share ideas and ask questions of each other and district leaders including BOE members. SEPAC leaders also share new information and updates at the building HSA meetings. We are so very proud of the incredible work of our SEPAC's ~ you will see some of their scheduled meetings below, but can also find important information on our [SEPAC website](#).

Building Equity Teams began in 2020 in response to equity concerns our students, parents, and staff had as a result of events at the national, state, and local levels. Our staff and administrators sought out support in our work towards creating schools where equity and inclusion were the focus for staff, administrators, students, and

parents. Each building equity team has parent representatives as standing members of their committees. These teams examine school culture and design interventions and programming to support our expectations for equity, inclusion, and anti-racism. This year the building equity teams will be **focusing on developing community engagement surrounding this topic for each school community.** These community opportunities are wonderful ways for parents to get involved in creating schools that allow every child to feel beloved and feel like they belong. We are in the process of creating equity affinity groups for parents and staff to work together to ensure specific groups have a voice in our work. To see some of our work in social justice please go to our [Social Justice Resources](#).

School Safety Teams have been a part of every school since the beginning of laws for Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying in the 2011-2012 school year. School Safety Teams examine the culture of the school in an effort to strengthen the programming and supports to create a more inclusive school that is free from bullying. Much of the exciting work that occurs through this committee will be shared out this month as we celebrate a month of respect. Each school will be engaging in activities with our students to celebrate our differences and teach ways to be positive members of our communities. Additionally, our anti-bullying specialists provide HIB training for parents annually at an HSA meeting. Please see your HSA calendar for that meeting date. For a detailed look at the district's work during October, please go to [LPS Month of Awareness website](#).

Parent Academies have been around for a very long time. These are opportunities for parents to work directly with our expert staff to learn about a variety of topics. We have listed those that are already scheduled for this year below. Some of the most well attended in the past have been focused on homework, developing empathy in children, social emotional learning skills at home, math in focus, reading aloud at home, transition to life for students with IEPs, and so much more!!!! Please find parent resources and prior academies on our [Parent Development Workshops](#) website.

With warm regards



Lisa

September 2021

September 9, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Livingston High School

September 20, 6:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for Parents of Students with an IEP
Mount Pleasant Middle School

September 20, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Mount Pleasant Middle School

September 22, 6:00 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Riker Hill Elementary School

September 22, 6:30 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Riker Hill Elementary School

September 23, 6:15 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for Parents of Students with an IEP
Heritage Middle School

September 23, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Heritage Middle School

September 29, 6:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for Parents of Students with an IEP
Livingston High School

September 30, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Hillside Elementary School

September 30, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Harrison Elementary School

October 2021

October 6, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Burnet Hill Elementary School

October 7, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Mount Pleasant Elementary School

October 7, 7:00 p.m.

Back-to-School Night for All Parents
Collins Elementary School

October 14, 9:30 a.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Promoting Language through Tech and Toys

October 14, 6:00 p.m.

Post-Secondary Transition Planning for Students with Learning Disabilities for
Parents of Students with a Disability
Livingston High School

October 14, 7:00 p.m.

Class of 2023—The Post-Secondary Search Process
Livingston High School

October 20, 7:00 p.m.

Addictive and Compulsive Behaviors in Today's Adolescents
Paul Lavella, NJ Recovery & Wellness
Livingston High School

October 21, 7:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Presentation for All Parents
Livingston High School

October 25, 7:00 p.m.

Supporting Your Child During the Pandemic for
All Parents, Grades Pre-K - 12

October 26, 6:45 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Hillside Elementary School

October 28, 7:00 p.m.

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting

November 2021

November 1, 6:00 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Collins Elementary School

November 2, 6:30 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Heritage Middle School

November 3, 6:30 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Mount Pleasant Middle School

November 10, 6:30 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Livingston High School

November 10, 7:00 p.m.

ESL Parent Night for
All Parents of English Learners, Grades Pre-K - 12

November 16, 7:00 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Burnet Hill Elementary School

November 17, 7:00 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Mount Pleasant Elementary School

November 18, 2:00 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Social Stories: Make & Take

December 2021

December 9, 10:30 a.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Home Activities to Promote Fine and Gross Motor Development

December 9, 6:30 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Harrison Elementary School

January 2022

January 13, 7:00 p.m.

Inspire Wellness-The Student Athlete Experience for
All Parents, Grades 7 - 12

January 18, 6:30 p.m.

Science Pathways Parent Night
Livingston High School

January 20, 2:00 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Math in Preschool at Home

January 20, 6:00 p.m.

8th to 9th Grade Transition Night for
Parents of Students with a Disability
Livingston High School

January 20, 7:00 p.m.

8th to 9th Grade Orientation Program for
All Parents
Livingston High School

February 2022

February 3, 6:00 p.m.

Managing Expectations of the Junior Year for
Parents of Students with a Disability, Class of 2024

February 3, 7:00 p.m.

Post-Secondary Planning Process: Overview of the Junior Year for
All Parents, Class of 2024

February 10, 7:00 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Livingston High School

February 17, 2:00 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Promoting Independence at Home

February 17, 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Math Information Night for
All Parents of MPM & HMS Students

February 28, 7:00 p.m.

Supporting Siblings of Students with Disabilities for
All Parents, Grades Pre-K - 12

March 2022

March 3, 2:00 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Exiting PRIDE: What to Expect?

March 8, 6:30 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Burnet Hill Elementary School

March 10, 7:00 p.m.

Teens and Body Image with
Center for Discovery for
All Parents, Grades 6 - 12

March 24, 6:00 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Mount Pleasant Elementary School

March 31, 6:00 p.m.

New Jersey Post-Secondary Schools with Disability Programs for
Parents of Students with a Disability
Livingston High School

March 31, 7:00 p.m.

College Admissions Panel for
All Parents
Livingston High School

April 2022

April 7, 6:00 p.m.

Two-Year Colleges Connected to Four-Year Programs for
All Parents
Livingston High School

April 7, 7:00 p.m.

Post-Secondary Application Process for
All Parents
Livingston High School

April 7, 6:00 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Harrison Elementary School

April 11, 7:00 p.m.

ESL Parent Night for
All Parents of English Learners, Grades Pre-K - 12

April 13, 6:00 p.m.

SEPAC Building Meeting
Collins Elementary School

April 13, 7:00 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Understanding Behaviors

April 25, 7:00 p.m.

Livingston High School College, Career and Transition Fair for
All Parents
Livingston High School Fitness & Wellness Center/Auxiliary Gym

May 2022

May 4, 6:15 p.m.

MPM to HMS Transition Night for
Parents of Students with a Disability
Heritage Middle School

May 4, 7:15 p.m.

MPM to HMS Transition Night for
All Parents
Heritage Middle School

May 9, 7:00 p.m.

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting

May 12, 7:00 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
The Transition from PRIDE to Kindergarten
Burnet Hill Elementary School

May 23, 6:15 p.m.

5th Grade Parent Orientation to 6th Grade for
Parents of Students with a Disability
Mount Pleasant Middle School

May 23, 7:30 p.m.

5th Grade Parent Orientation to 6th Grade for
All Parents
Mount Pleasant Middle School

May 25, 6:30 p.m.

Annual Science Research Symposium
Livingston High School

June 2022

June 9, 7:00 p.m.

Senior Awards and Scholarship Program
Livingston High School