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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Special Education Services Department is excited to continue its partnership with parents/guardians through the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), established in 2023. The PAC is a dedicated group of parents/guardians who share a common goal; to assist and work in collaboration with the special education services department in improving the overall experience of our students with disabilities by nurturing connections between families, developing a conduit for parent voice, and sharing available resources at all eight schools (including our preschool).

The outcomes of the committee are:

1. To build a community of parent(s)/guardian(s) (representation from each site) who come together to build a sense of belonging for our students and parent(s)/guardian(s)
2. To support families of students with disabilities so that students and families feel comfortable participating in school activities
3. To provide information to families about opportunities for learning through the North County Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE)
4. To create a communication structure to share information with families about upcoming events and opportunities specific to their family's needs
5. To build relationships between families that allow for both in-school and out-of-school activities
6. Identify a PAC site representative to further inclusion by bringing awareness of the needs of our students with disabilities
7. Advocate for students with disabilities when site events are being discussed during PTA/PTO meetings

The PAC meets four times throughout the school year. If you are interested in connecting with your school's parent representative or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to any one of the representatives below.

- Carmel Creek | Lauren Olen | 858-220-3236 | olen.lauren@gmail.com
- CDC Preschool | Jenice Alduenda | 858-344-5269 | jenicealduenda@gmail.com
- Skyline | Stephanie Singer | 415.816.1884 | stephbsinger@gmail.com
- Solana Highlands | Lorena Sokol | 310-765-0417 | lorenasokol1026@gmail.com
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- Solana Ranch | Corrie Zupo | 424-241-8959 | corriezupo@gmail.com
- Solana Santa Fe | Melissa Hirsch | 602-999-1754 | melissac.hirsch@gmail.com
- Solana Vista | Jessie Reisdorf | 858-342-6727 | jbreisdorf@gmail.com
- Solana Beach School District NCCSE Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Parent Representatives
 - Danielle Adams | 858-437-7379 | danidito@gmail.com
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WHERE LEARNERS FIND THEIR VOICE, SHARE THEIR GIFTS, AND ADVANCE THE WORLD

Mission of the PAC: As parents, we understand the unique challenges and joys that come with raising a child with special needs and the confusion that often comes with the different academic support paths available (SST, 504, IEP). Our priority is to ensure that every child receives the best possible support, education, and experience to reach their greatest potential.

We look forward to further developing connections with our SBSD families.

Sincerely,

Cheri Bené
Director Special Education Services

Jomi Richard, Parent
Danielle Adams, Parent