



WAUWATOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT

• Your Educational Community •

September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2018/19 school year, I hope things have gotten off to a great start! I want to share a few updates with you as well as dates for the Special Education Parent Network Meetings for 2018/19.

Wauwatosa has two new special education parent liaisons who have participated in training through CESA #1 and the Wisconsin State Parent Education Initiative (WSPEI). WSPEI's goal is to help families and school districts build positive working relationships that lead to shared decision making and better outcomes for the student with disabilities. Feel free to reach out to our liaisons with questions or concerns regarding special education.

Deb Falk-Palec is a parent of a student with a disability. Professionally she is a vocational rehabilitation counselor and also is the chair of the Milwaukee County Commission for Persons with Disabilities. Deb is interested in learning from other parents, sharing ideas and resources, and working collaboratively to benefit persons with disabilities.

Deb's email address is: dpalec@wi.rr.com.

Susan Schrader has a 7 year old daughter with Autism who attends Eisenhower Elementary and a 3 year old son. She has been married for 28 years to her husband Jim. Sue works for Aurora Health Care in Patient Care for the last 18 years. She has been a Wauwatosa resident for the last 15 years. "I have a great desire to help families and provide resources to those in need; and help families new to the area."

Sue's email address is: 745581ss@gmail.com

Wauwatosa continues to be a member of the Parents United consortium. Parents United is a non-profit consortium of 27 special education departments that have joined to provide an educational community service. The mission of the group is to present timely and relevant information in a neutral forum for parents and professionals who work with children. See the website for the schedule of speakers for 2018/19.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your students during the 2018/19 school year, feel free to contact me with any specific questions.

Sincerely,

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Special Education Parent Meeting

Wauwatosa School District Central Office
12121 W North Ave
Conference Room A
6:30-8:00

October 10, 2018
January 7, 2019
February 26, 2019
April 4, 2019
May 3, 2019 *9:00 AM

Resources

Wauwatosa School District Special Education: <https://www.wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/Page/398>

Wauwatosa School District Student Services: <https://www.wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/domain/182>

Wisconsin State Parent education Initiative: <http://wspei.org/>

Parents United: <http://parentsunitedwi.org/>

Special Education Parent Rights: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/families/rights>

- *If you would like a printed copy, please contact the Wauwatosa School District Student Services office at 414-773-1080*

Special Needs Scholarship: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship>