

CAC SPECIAL EDUCATION REP TRAINING



CAC'S MISSION

To foster positive connections and awareness of special education among students, parents and CUSD and to provide guidance in special education so all students become successful life-long learners.



WHO ARE WE?

Collaborative Partnership

CAC is a collaborative partnership of parents, educators, and community members. We provide:

- Parent education opportunities
- Give families an opportunity to directly communicate with district administrators and other parents

PTA Connection with Special Ed Reps

CAC would like to have a Special Education Rep for every school site who can attend the CAC meetings and report back to the site's PTA.

- The Special Ed Reps also help connect parents of other students with special needs and works to bridge the gap between the general education, and special education community.

CAC SPECIAL ED REP DUTIES

Attend monthly Special Education CAC meetings at the district office/Zoom

- Meetings are held from 9:30am to 11:30am in the months of September, October, November, January, March and April.
- You will report back at your school's PTA meeting with regard to programs and assistance provided by the district.
- Volunteerism commitment ranges; expect to include 3 to 4 hours of time during meeting months for essential CAC Special Ed Rep duties.

ADDITIONAL CAC SPECIAL ED REP DUTIES

Hold a Monthly Meeting with Principal or AP

Spread Awareness of SPED issues

Invite parents to join CAC meetings

- CAC Special Ed Reps may also consider hosting and/or collaborating with another parent volunteer to host an Ability Awareness Event.

TOOLS: CAC COMMUNICATIONS

Website:

<https://sped-capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/cac>

Email:

capocac@gmail.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CapoCAC

CAC: Community Advisory Committee

WHAT IS THE CAC?

It is a collaborative partnership of parents, educators, and community members.

The purpose of the **CAC** is:

To review the local plan, this describes the local policies, procedures and programs that are consistent with state laws, regulations, and policies for Special Education. Across California, every Special Education Local Plan Area (**SELPA**) is required to establish a **CAC**.

Provide parent education opportunities, give families an opportunity to communicate with district administrators, connect with other parents, and share resources and support.

Support activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs.

This group is also connected with PTA. Each school has a special education parent representative for their site. That representative attends meetings, reports back to the site's PTA, helps connect parents of other students with special needs and helps to bridge the gap between the general education, and special education community.



CONTACT CAC:

- [Send Email](#)



The Local Plan

Local Special Education programs and services are defined in prescribed Local Plans and approved by local boards of education.

[View the Local Plan](#)

GET INVOLVED:

Our CAC monthly meetings are open to the public.

- [CAC Meeting Dates 2021-2022 - English](#)
- [CAC Meeting Dates 2021-2022 - Farsi](#)
- [CAC Meeting Dates 2021-2022 - Spanish](#)

Hear updates directly from Special Education Administration:

- Dr. Greg Merwin, Chief Academic Officer, Education & Support Services
- Don Mahoney, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education Services
- Heidi Harvey, Executive Director, Special Education Programs and Instruction
- Danielle Clark, Director of Related Services

2020-21 CAC MEETING AGENDAS:

📎 [April 21, 2021 Agenda \(PDF\)](#)

📎 [March 17, 2021 Agenda \(PDF\)](#)

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Article from New Mobility Magazine! Also check out [Magic Wheelchair!](#)
<https://www.newmobility.com/.../from-isolation-to-.../>



TOOLS: THE CAC INTRODUCTION LETTER

Welcome

The Introduction Letter is a great way to get the word out about CAC and welcome new members:

- May be included in registration packets
- Stock it at the office
- Provide the letter to case carriers to share with parents at IEP and 504 meetings



Dear Families and Staff:

I would like to introduce myself as the CAC Special Education Parent Representative for **(insert name of school PTA)**. I will be attending monthly CAC meetings and sharing information with our school community.

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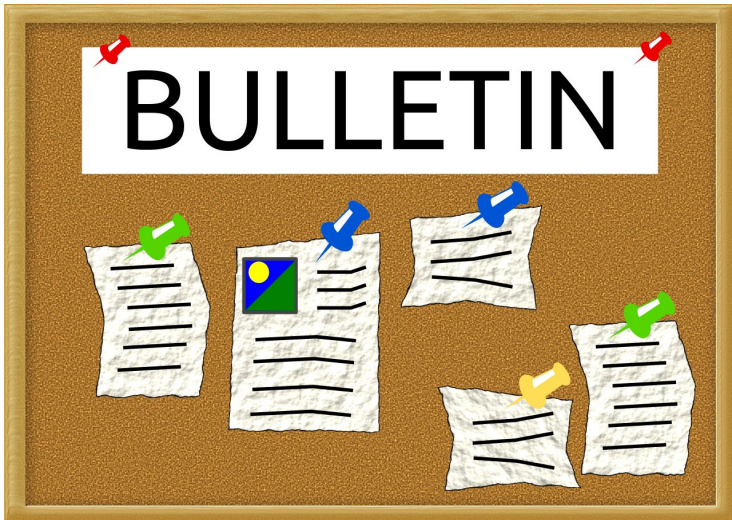
You are invited to join us for CAC meetings. Engage directly with CUSD Special Education administration and hear from guest speakers on relevant Special Education topics. **The CAC meeting schedule as well as our yearly events, meeting minutes and other important CAC information** is posted at <https://sped-capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/cac>

Stay in the know with the CAC email newsletter! Sign up by emailing us at capocac@gmail.com to receive announcements and meeting reminders.

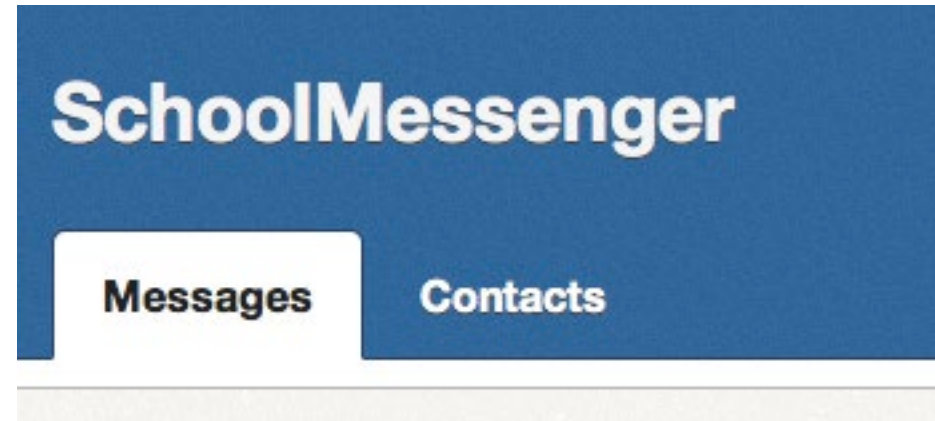
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ADDITIONAL IDEAS TO GET THE WORD OUT

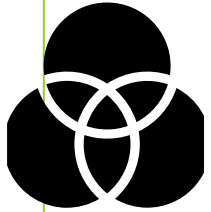
CAC Bulletin Board



School Messenger Announcements



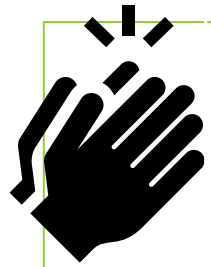
GUIDELINES FOR CAC SPECIAL ED REP SUCCESS



Be mindful that you are assisting families with various special needs



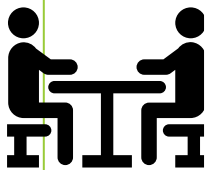
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Focus on solutions and progress



Build rapport



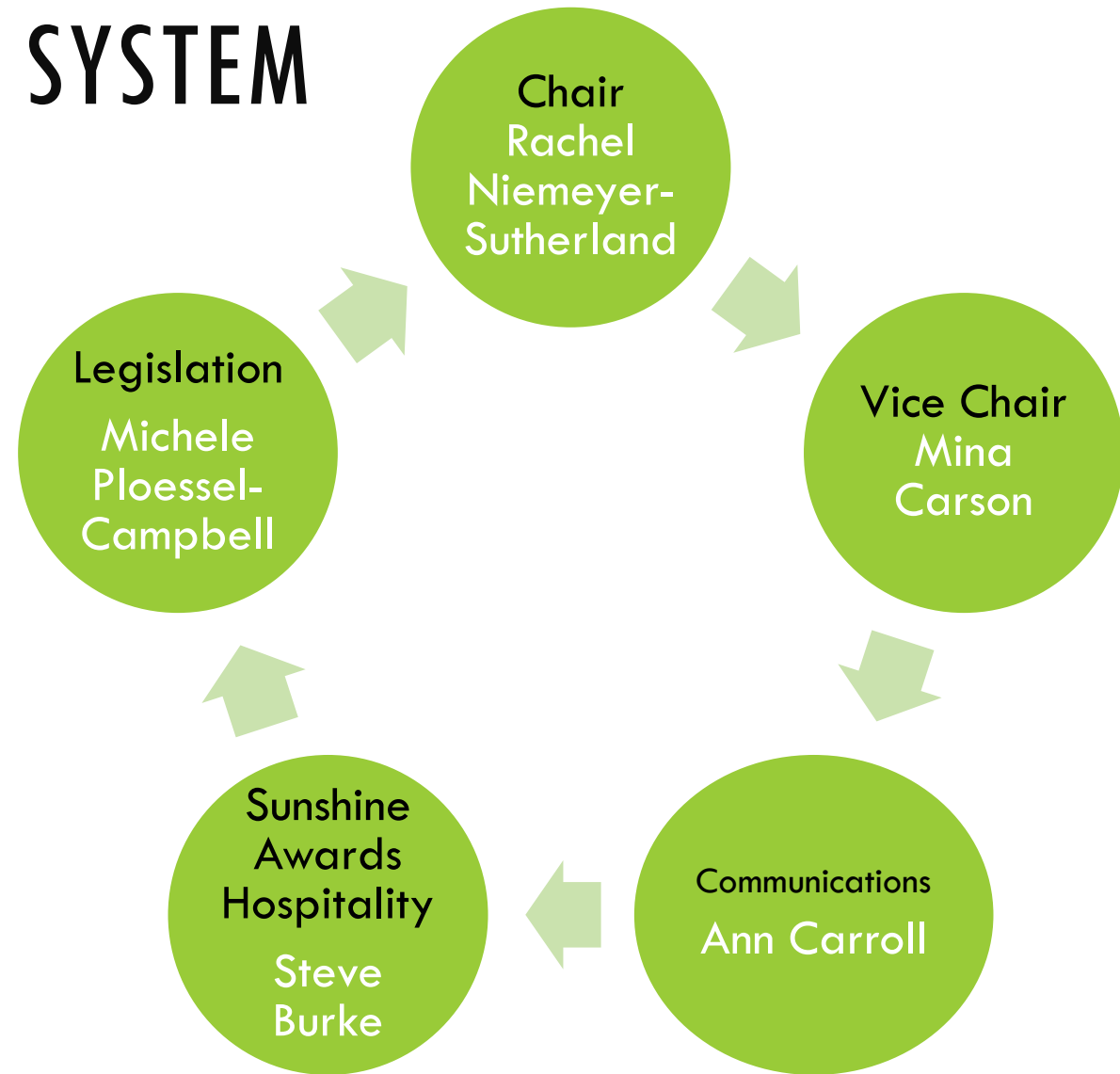
Consistency leads to trust

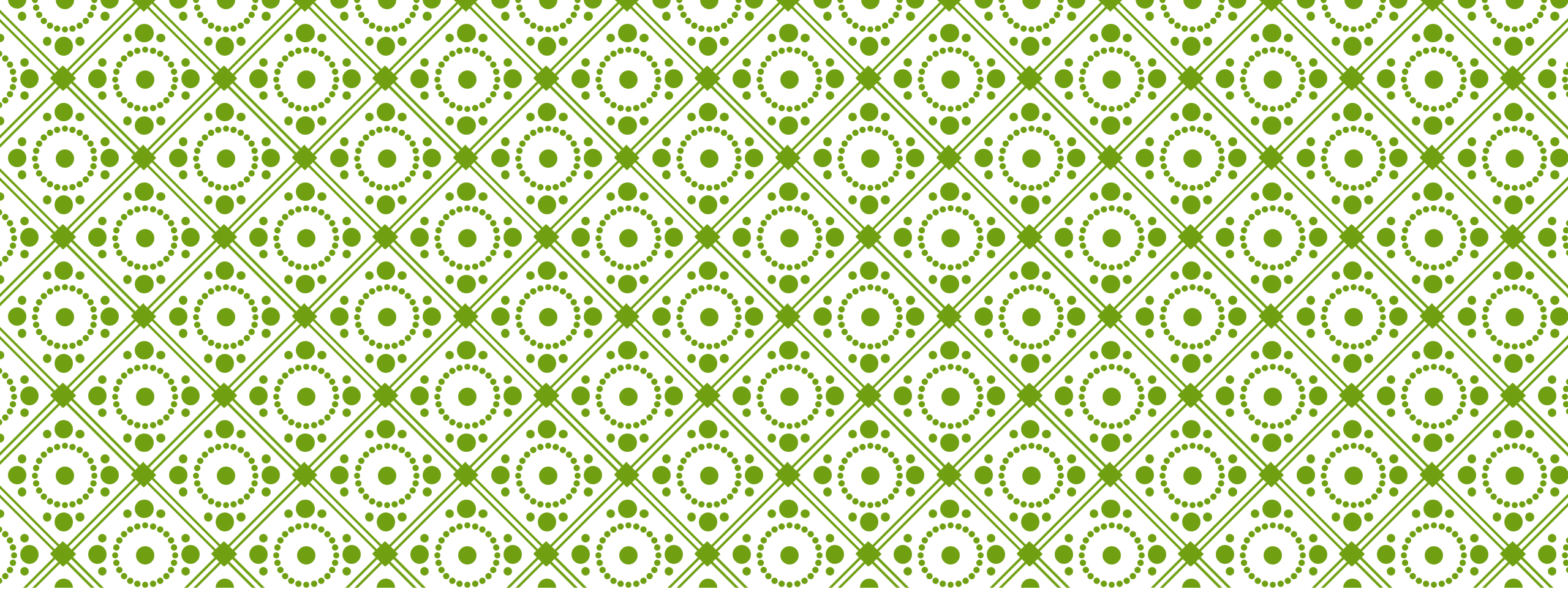


Celebrate the wins

YOUR CAC SUPPORT SYSTEM

- If families have questions that you are unable to answer, please email capocac@gmail.com for assistance.





THANK YOU!

Together, we are making a
positive impact.