

## Youth and Family Coalition

8.11.2025	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Virtual
Meeting called by:	Tri Lead Starleen Lewis	
Note taker:	Maria Arreola	
Attendees:	Julie Roux, Justin Kooistra, Becky George, Kaleb Lewis, Jenne Alderks, Tina Jacobs, Helen Caldart, Angela Fraser-Powell, Ana De Los Rios, Christina Jackson, Bobbie Racine, Megan Axley, Megan Sarver, Rachel Zakopyko, Reed Mierzeski, Dawn Scott, Andee Martinez, Joseph Ulrigg,	

### Introductions, Announcements and Updates

#### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge, with humility, that the land of the North Sound region today is the territory of People of the Salish Sea. Their presence is imbued in the waterways, shorelines, valleys, and mountains of the traditional homelands of the Coast Salish People, since time immemorial.

### Back to School Refresher on IEP's and 504 Plans

3:00 – 4:00 Helen Caldart

ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion (x) For Information Only ()

- Kaleb introduced Helen for back-to-school refresher.
- Helen from Helen Caldart, President, Special Education Advocates League.
- [www.sealk12.org](http://www.sealk12.org)
- [info@sealk12.org](mailto:info@sealk12.org)
- Special Education Process Overview
  - Referral
  - Consent to Evaluate
  - Initial Evaluation
  - Evaluation Report/Eligibility Meeting
  - Prior Written Notice
  - Initial Education Program IEP Meeting
  - Prior Written Notice
  - Progress Reports & Annual IEP Review
- IDEA, Section 504 that protect students in law
  - IDEA is a federal law
  - Section 504 includes all programs and activities. Accommodations to the IEP. 504 is a Civil rights law. A student who receives special education services under the IDEA is automatically protected under Section 504.
  - ADA protects people with disabilities from discrimination in many areas of public life.

- Prior Written Notice on of the most important document to use and understand. Located on the website sealk12.org under Supports and Services. This document is one of the first things Administrative judge will look at. Federal code 35 CFR 300.503. This is not a meeting invitation and is not to be filled out before a meeting. This is to be given to the parent before an action or refusal of an action takes place.
- A medical diagnosis is not required for a student to qualify for an IEP
- Child Find
  - A written request for Child Find is made. It is the initial evaluation for special education and related services
  - Within 25 school days Parent/guardian receives a Prior Written Notice with the decision to evaluate or not to evaluate for Special Education and related services
  - Parent/guardian signs Consent approving or denying an evaluation for Special Education and related services
  - Within 35 school days the evaluation assessment begins
  - The Parent/guardian should be provided the final evaluation report
  - Prior Written Notice is given to the Parent/guardian with the decisions made at the evaluation/eligibility meeting

#### Announcements

4:00 – 4:15

ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion () For Information Only (x)

Overview:

Discussion Points:

- Winner of monthly drawing is Heather.

#### Community Mapping: What We've learned and Where We're Going Next

4:15– 5:00

Eleven Vexler

ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion () For Information Only (x)

Overview:

Discussion Points:

- Will be moved to another meeting as presenter not able to attend this meeting.

#### Evaluations

15min

ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion () For Information Only (x)

Overview: Link was sent to the committee

Discussion Points:

- Evaluations link sent to committee

#### Conclusion/Outcomes

Committee will complete the online evaluation