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Advisory Committee, please contact us at
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child's learning?**



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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Special Education
Advisory Committee**

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What is the Special Education Advisory Committee?

The Special Education Advisory Committee advises the board of education on all matters related to its special education services.

'Special education services' means the facilities, resources, support staff and equipment needed for special education programs. These programs are for students with special needs. The needs might be physical, or they might relate to behaviour, communication or intellectual development. Special education programs are based on the child's Individual Education Plan. The program can change as the child's progress is assessed.

The committee is made up of parents and caregivers who represent a local association that shares an interest in supporting children with special needs. There are also members-at-large, appointed by the Board. This ensures that there is representation from all regions the Board serves. Trustees of the Board help the committee. The Area Special Education Leaders and a Supervisory Officer act as advisors.

What does the committee do?

The Special Education Advisory Committee:

- Makes recommendations to the Board on any matter related to creating, setting up, or delivering special education programs and services;
- Takes part in the Board's annual review of its Special Education Plan;
- Takes part in the Board's annual budget process for special education;
- Acts as a resource to parents on request.

When does the committee meet?

The Special Education Advisory Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month from September to June. For the dates of upcoming meetings, please call the Board Office in Kenora at (807) 468-5571 ext. 236.

How is the committee a resource to parents?

The committee members can be very helpful to parents, caregivers, and students. This is because they know the concerns of their associations. They also understand the Board's practices and know the staff.

If you have a concern about special education, a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee will probably be able to suggest a course of action. They can direct you to the right people to help. If needed, they can help you advocate for your child.

"Every individual human being born on this earth has the capacity to become a unique and special person, unlike any who has ever existed before or ever will again."

— Elisabeth Kule