

## 2016-17 REPRESENTATIVES

### Muskegon Area ISD Facilitator

Carolyn Smith-Gerdes, Assistant Director for  
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### Fruitport Community Schools

Amber Reilly.....616-502-5782

### Holton Public Schools

Open.....

### Mona Shores Public Schools

Janet Brushman..... 759-8950

### Montague Area Public Schools

Open.....

### Muskegon Public Schools

Shannon Polidori..... 730-4668

### North Muskegon Public Schools

Open.....

### Oakridge Public Schools

Open.....

### Orchard View Schools

Open.....

### Ravenna Public Schools

Open.....

### Reeths-Puffer Schools

Karla White..... 744-0895

### Whitehall District Schools

Open.....

### Representative at Large

Stacy Freed..... 744-7895

### Muskegon Covenant Academy

Open.....

### Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System

Kim Purnell..... 578-4869

### Muskegon Montessori Academy for Environmental Change

Open.....

### Three Oaks Academy

Open.....

### Timberland Charter Academy

Monica Griffin .....616-328-2316

## SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

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Orchard View Public Schools

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### Holton Public Schools

Montague Area Public Schools

North Muskegon Public Schools

Reeths-Puffer Schools

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### Muskegon Public Schools

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### Muskegon County

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Muskegon Covenant Academy..720-3100

Muskegon Heights Public School

Academy System.....830-3700

Muskegon Montessori Academy for

Environmental Change .....766-7500

Three Oaks Academy .....767-3365

Timberland Charter Academy ....767-9700

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Muskegon Area  
Intermediate School District



Special Education  
**Parent  
Advisory  
Committee**



**PARENTS**  
supporting  
**PARENTS**

- ◆ Listening
- ◆ Support
- ◆ Encouragement
- ◆ Information

## Mission

The Muskegon Area ISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee strives to represent the interests and concerns of students with special needs and their parents. It also strives to promote partnerships between parents, students, the local school district, and the Muskegon Area ISD by facilitating communication and cooperation.

Spending time supporting other parents has been very rewarding  
- SEPAC Member

## Belief Statement

- ◆ *All children deserve a quality education.*
- ◆ *Special education students are children first. The disability is secondary.*
- ◆ *Students, parents, school personnel, and community resources should cooperate to maximize the potential of each and every child.*

## About Us

We are the parents of children with disabilities. We have been recommended by your local district administrators and nominated by your local school board. Contact us when you have questions or concerns.



## We Work Together To

- ◆ Promote partnerships and cooperation among parents, school personnel, and other service providers.
- ◆ Listen and offer support to parents of special education students.
- ◆ Encourage, advise, and provide information for parents of students in special education.

## Authorization

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee is authorized under the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education. The Committee's purpose is to provide a formal mechanism for parent input to the ISD Plan for Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services.

## Questions

Questions regarding the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee or parent concerns regarding special education may be directed to any Committee member or to the Muskegon Area ISD.

Time spent learning about the Special Education process has been so valuable when it comes to helping parents  
- SEPAC Member

## Nondiscrimination Notice

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