

Portsmouth Special Education Local Advisory Committee (PSELAC)

Who Are We?

Our SELAC is a group of parents and staff working together to support our Special Education program and each other. We provide direct input to school district leaders about policies, programs, practices, and services that have an impact on students with disabilities and their families. Our purpose is to advise, advocate, and offer guidance.



Who Should Get Involved?

- ❖ Families of children with disabilities who may have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan
- ❖ School leaders, including the Director of Student Services and members of the School Committee, school staff, and students
- ❖ Advocates for children who are homeless or in foster care, correctional facilities, nursing homes, or hospitals

Why Get Involved?

- ❖ Our SELAC gives families a chance to get to know other families who may share similar experiences, triumphs, and challenges.
- ❖ When parents and district leaders work together as part of a SELAC, it establishes trust, open communication, and group effectiveness. School district leadership and personnel play an important role in developing, growing, and sustaining a SELAC.
- ❖ Honest discussion and shared problem-solving can create solutions that improve services to students.

Helpful Links:

RI Parent Information Network (RIPIN) - (401) 270-0101 - www.ripin.org

Parent Support Network (PSN) Behavioral Health - (401) 467-6855 - www.psnri.org

RI Department of Education (RIDE) - (401) 456-4600 - www.ride.ri.gov

Sherlock Center on Disabilities - (401) 456-8072 - www.sherlockcenter.org

[Family Guide to Special Education](#)

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Scan our QR Code to learn more about upcoming meeting dates and events



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