

# CHELMSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Greetings families,

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Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the summer and found time to enjoy together. This past year has shown us what we can accomplish with a strong partnership between our families and schools. We look forward to our continued work together and open dialogue throughout the school year. It is wonderful to have our students back for in person learning. I wanted to share some information from the Student Services Office:

- In an effort to continue to streamline our processes and continue to meet the varied needs of families, IEP meetings will be held remotely through the Google Meet platform. If a parent/guardian requests an in-person meeting, school team members may choose to participate via remote format with at least one staff member meeting in-person with parent/guardian and facilitating the remote participation.
- Evaluation reports will be emailed to you two days prior to the meeting. Please reach out to the district contact person if you would like hard copies of the reports and they will be made available for you to pick up in the main office of your child's school.
- Chelmsford Public Schools believe that developing and maintaining strong partnerships with families is essential for student success. One-way parents/guardians can get involved is by joining the Chelmsford Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). The SEPAC co-chairs for the upcoming year are Amy Domow and Kristen Eriksen. The SEPAC meeting schedule for 2021-2022 school year will be updated and posted at <https://chelmsfordsepac.weebly.com/>

SEPAC and the Office of Student Services will be hosting a virtual meeting followed by a workshop on Anxiety on Wednesday, October 13th. The schedule is as follows:

6:30 - 7:00 PM Virtual SEPAC meeting

7:00 - 8:00 Virtual presentation via Zoom on Anxiety

Presenter: **Dr. Vanessa Leary, PsyD. - CPS psychologist**

Dr. Leary will discuss Anxiety and how it impacts school and home functioning across the grade levels.

8:00 - 9:00 Brief Q&A following the presentation

- Please use the following link to view and download the Parent's Notice of Procedural Safeguards which describes the procedural rights of parents and students under IDEA-2004. <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/prb/>

We are committed to ensuring a smooth school year and will continue to work closely with families to ensure the needs of each student are met, academically, socially and emotionally. Please reach out to the Office of Student Services at any time with questions at (978) 251-5199.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Reese".

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