

How can I become involved with  
S.E.A.C.?

*Local associations or community  
members wishing representation on  
S.E.A.C. should write to:*

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Wellington Catholic District School  
Board  
75 Woolwich Street  
P.O. Box 75  
Guelph, ON N1H 6N6

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Questions/Contact

**Principal of Student Achievement &  
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**519-821-4640, ext. 241**

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*or*

**Coordinator of Student Support  
Services**

**519-830-9071**

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Board  
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## **S.E.A.C. AFFILIATIONS**

### Local Organizations/Agencies

**Community Living Guelph  
Wellington**  
519-824-2480

**VOICE for Hearing Impaired  
Children**  
416-487-7719

**Family & Children's Services**  
519-824-2410

**KidsAbility Centre for Child  
Development**  
, 519-780-0186

**Learning Disabilities Association  
of Wellington County**  
519-837-2050

**Autism Ontario, Wellington Chapter**  
519-993-6699

## **S.E.A.C. REPRESENTATIVES**

### Community Representatives

- Tim O'Regan, 519-824-2480
- John Hollen, 416-487-7719
- Gil Lavalley, 519-824-2410
- Denise Watson, 519-780-0186
- Susan Newcombe, 519-837-2050
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- Vikki Dupuis, 519-822-9489

### Staff

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- Eileen Clinton, Principal of  
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## **WELLINGTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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## **S.E.A.C.**

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Serving Students with  
Exceptional Needs*

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The Wellington Catholic District School Board believes every student has individual learning needs. Some students have exceptional learning needs and may require special programs and services

A student with exceptional needs is a learner whose behaviour, communication, intellectual, physical or multiple exceptionalities are such that he/she is considered to need special education programs as defined in the Education Act.

This brochure has been produced to inform the community, parents/guardians and educators about the Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C.).

### ***What is S.E.A.C.?***

S.E.A.C. is an advisory committee mandated through the Education Act as a standing committee of each school board.

The committee reports to the school board and makes recommendations to the board regarding special education programs and services.

### ***Who is on S.E.A.C.?***

The S.E.A.C. of Wellington Catholic District School Board is composed of:

- a) representatives of local chapters of associations which further the interests of people with exceptional needs;
- b) board personnel;
- c) community members;
- d) trustee(s)

### ***What does S.E.A.C. do?***

The Special Education Advisory Committee is provided with the opportunities to:

- a) participate in the board's annual Special Education Plan;
- b) participate in the board's annual budget process;
- c) review the financial statements of the board;
- d) make recommendations to the board regarding special education programs and services.

### ***When does S.E.A.C. meet?***

S.E.A.C. meetings are held on a monthly basis, with a minimum of ten meetings per school year. See WCDSB website for specific dates.

The meetings are held at the Wellington Catholic District School Board, 75 Woolwich Street, Guelph, and are open to the public.

### ***What can S.E.A.C. do for me?***

S.E.A.C. is a committee that represents the interests of all children with exceptional needs.

Although specific children and issues are not discussed at S.E.A.C., broad issues affecting services across the school board can be raised for discussion.

S.E.A.C. representatives have a good knowledge of special education services and programs of the school board, and can help parents to navigate through the school system.

#### Resources / Publications

The following resources / publications are available at your local school or Wellington Catholic board office (519-821-4600)

- a) Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.) – A Guide for Parents
- b) Parent's Guide to Special Education – Identification, Placement and Review Committee (I.P.R.C.)

#### Websites:

- [www.wellingtoncssb.edu.on.ca](http://www.wellingtoncssb.edu.on.ca)
- [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca)

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

*It is the policy of the Wellington Catholic District School Board that special education services within the Board are guided by the following principles:*

1. Catholic education believes in the philosophy of integration.
2. The diversity of our student population is valued and ensures program and delivery.
3. Fostering an inclusive culture in Catholic schools is paramount.
4. The classroom teacher is the primary resource in the delivery of a student's individualized program.
5. Placement options are guided by least restrictive/most enabling environments for learning.
6. Educational resources are allocated to schools to reach educational goals.
7. Resources are organized to support the classroom teacher.