

THE ROLE OF THE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) members play an important role in how the special education programs and services are delivered in Oakland County. The responsibilities, as defined by the county plan and by the membership, are to attend and participate in the monthly PAC meetings.

Members will participate in developing the Oakland Schools plan for the delivery of special education programs and services, and review and advise on proposed changes to this plan.

The PAC committee serves as an informational source for all special needs children and their families as well as acting as a liaison between Oakland Schools and the local school districts with concerns and information.

PAC members can help you understand special education and your rights. The members can direct you to the appropriate persons, agencies or documents to help you. The representatives can share information regarding assistance programs, respite, advocacy issues, and state or local organizations.

Waterford School District has two active representatives; **Debbie Simmons** and **Greg Simmons**. They can be contacted at wpac@wsdmi.org

Since parent involvement is essential to Waterford School District, it has formed a local PAC. The PAC is organized to ensure that quality special education programs and services are available for the students in Waterford School District. The PAC representatives meet once a month with the Executive Director of Student Support Services to discuss issues relative to the special education community.