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Dear Parents,

You are invited to attend the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Kick-Off Meeting on **Monday, September 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Caroline Middle School**. The agenda will include nominations for officers, questions and answers, proposed SEAC projects such as dances and a prom, door prize drawing for parents in attendance and light refreshments.

The purpose of the SEAC is to identify unmet needs for the 648 CCPS students with disabilities and to provide input on how best to address these needs. The SEAC collaborates with teaching staff, parents, administrators and the Caroline County School Board. The SEAC also provides input to the development of the school district's annual plan in order to comply with Special Education regulations to receive federal funds. Additionally, professionals provide valuable presentations on topics important to special education caregivers, i.e. IEP's, ESY and Testing Options.

CCPS is working diligently to increase students' success on state testing and to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. The SEAC supports teachers and paraprofessionals and will continue to promote high standards of professionalism, advocate for continued staff development opportunities and support the recruitment and retention of highly qualified staff.

We welcome input and collaboration from stakeholders like you who are instrumental in the provision of services to students with special needs. We hope to see you at our SEAC Kick-Off meeting on September 10th. Your participation will make a difference in the services being provided to students with special needs.

SEAC meets monthly during the school year on the third Monday of each month (See schedule below). All meetings are open to the public; parents, educators, and the community. Please check the CCPS calendar and website for updates.

Monday, September 10, 2012	5:30 p.m.	(CMS) Caroline Middle School	SEAC Kick off meeting
Monday, October 15, 2012	12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Parent Resource Center	SEAC meeting <i>Transition – DRS, RaCSB services</i>
Monday, November 12, 2012	5:30 p.m.	(CMS) Caroline Middle School	SEAC Business meeting
Monday, December 10, 2012	12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Parent Resource Center	SEAC meeting <i>Assisting children with holidays & change of routines.</i>
Monday, January 14, 2013	5:30 p.m.	(CMS) Caroline Middle School	SEAC Business meeting
Monday, February 11, 2013	12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Parent Resource Center	SEAC meeting <i>Planning for Summer Camps, ESY, Metropolitan Day Camp</i>
Saturday, March 16, 2013	8 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	(CMS) Caroline Middle School	9th Annual Family Fair FREE sessions, childcare, lunch
Monday, April 15, 2013	12:15 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.	School Board Office Peach Room	SEAC meeting <i>Review of Annual Plan Autism Awareness Activity</i>

Please join us on September 10th as we kick off the 2012/2013 school year. If possible, please RSVP to accommodate refreshments by calling 804-633-5088.

If you would like to learn more about SEAC, please visit our website at www.ccps.us/prc and click on SEAC.

Sincerely,

Lisa Roarty
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