

# LBPSB Central Parents' Committee (CPC)

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NEWSLETTER  
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KEEPING THE PARENTS OF LBPSB UP TO DATE AND INFORMED

## Greetings from the LBPSB Central Parents' Committee

We are proud to introduce the first issue of "Parent to Parent", an e-newsletter by and for LBPSB parents. Our goal is to keep you informed of issues related to school governance, policies, public and/or board-wide consultations, as well as major decisions that can impact you and your family.

The CPC is composed of approximately 20 volunteer members:

- 6 Parent Representatives from each region (total of 3 regions)
- 1 Parent Representative from the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC)
- 4 Parent Commissioners elected by Regional Reps, who represent the CPC at the table of the Council of Commissioners—one of whom specifically represents parents of students with special needs

The CPC is accountable to the three Regional Parent Committees that represent over 60 LBPSB schools. In other words, it starts with you, the parent.

All CPC members are elected to their position by Regional Parent Representatives. Parents who attended the Annual General Assembly at their respective school elect these Regional Parent Reps.

Parent Representatives meet each month at Regional Committee Meetings to address issues brought forward by parents. Your Parent Committee and the CPC weigh in on board initiatives, procedures and decisions. The CPC advises the board regarding parents' interests and ultimately acts as an advocate.

We, the CPC, are here to serve all regions and all parents. We are the collective voice of parents at the board level. However, to be that voice we need to hear from you. How can we do this? Reach out to your parent representative.

Wondering who your Regional Parent Rep is? Find their names on the Governing Board page of your school's website. You can also find them here:

[Region 1 reps](#) | [Region 2 reps](#) | [Region 3 reps](#)

CPC members can be found [here](#)

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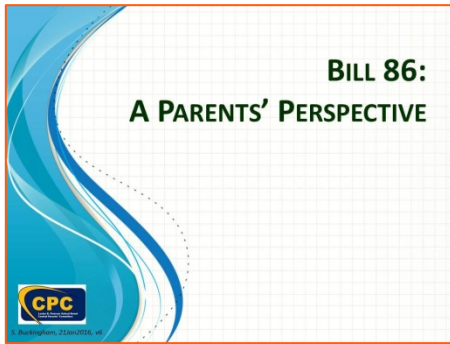
### IN THIS ISSUE

#### MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGE

Two Major School Change decisions have been amended. The reconsideration for both Lakeside Academy and Riverview/Verdun mergers have been passed by Council.

#### BILL 86

An Act to modify the organization and governance of school boards to give schools a greater say in decision-making and ensure parents' presence within each school board's decision-making body. Read more about Bill 86 on the [National Assembly website](#).



On Jan. 21, the CPC hosted an info session on Bill 86 for all LBPSB Parent Reps and Governing Board Chairs. Maître Geneviève Dugré, Secretary General, and Mr. Steve Balleine, Assistant Director

General of LBPSB, spoke of the legal and educational implications, while providing an objective, well-rounded overview of the proposed bill. Ms. Sandra Buckingham, CPC member and SNAC Parent Commissioner, moderated the event. We sincerely thank them for their time and expertise.

The CPC is dedicated to providing ongoing opportunities for parents to become engaged in school governance by providing timely updates and information on key matters such as Bill 86.

Watch for announcements on our [Facebook page](#) and email

announcements for a follow-up info session in February 2016 or contact your Parent Rep or Governing Board Chairs for more information.

With your participation, we can succeed in providing a resilient voice for all LBPSB parents!

#### MORE INFORMATION

Read more about Bill 86 on the [National Assembly website](#)

Get the [CPC Bill 86 presentation](#) on Facebook



The Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) is pleased to present a Special Event for Parents:

**Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016 at 7:00pm**

LBPSB Head Office, 1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval

**An IEP Journey:  
A Parent to Parent Perspective**

#### Meetings of the Central Parents' Committee of the Lester B. Pearson School Board

The Central Parents' Committee meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the LBPSB Boardroom

1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval.

Meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

## Major School Change (MSC) Results and next steps

Two Major School Change decisions have been amended. The reconsideration for both Lakeside Academy and Riverview/Verdun mergers have been passed by Council. In short the schools involved have a time period of approximately 11 months to find solutions to ensure that each school can be more viable and hopefully show that closure is not an option.

The groups of parents, students, teachers, staff and the affected communities at large, which include city councilors, mayors, provincial and federal politicians, rallied together and provided the arguments to defend their respective schools and allow them to be part of the process to keep them open.

I am proud to say that we as a committee have been directly involved in this process and have shown our place within the LBPSB community. I would like to thank each of you for your involvement in expressing the need that these parents and students be given the right to express themselves, prove to council the justification of reconsideration and ultimately not only have the Council hear them, but listen to them as well, and at the January meeting, the Council did just that.

I would like to extend a special thanks on behalf of the CPC and the Regional PC's to our very own Parent Commissioners, who have advocated for these parents and communities and stood strong in doing so, especially at moments when they expressed the unpopular opinion at times. With their work

and the collective work of all interested parties, the popular opinion officially changed on January 25.

Congratulations to all for not only being a part of giving these schools a second chance of existence, but for proving what we can do when we all can find the common voice and work together to achieve any goal!

Darren Kotania  
Chair, LBPSB CPC

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## An IEP Journey: A Parent to Parent Perspective

Workshop for parents-  
February 2, 2016

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) can be an essential tool to ensure the success of students with special needs.

Together we will share our experiences and explore how the IEP can be used most effectively and how we can best advocate for our children.

Please confirm your attendance by leaving your name and the name of your child's school via email to the Special Needs Advisory Committee at [snac@lbpearson.ca](mailto:snac@lbpearson.ca)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### An IEP Journey: A Parent to Parent Perspective

Tuesday, February 2, 2016  
see the event listing [on Facebook](#).

### On the Waterbed: What Families Can Do When a Child is Struggling

February 8, 2016  
more information available [here](#)

### February CPC Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2016

### BILL 86: INFO SESSION FOR PARENTS

February 2016 - More details to follow



### IN THE PRESS

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Save Riverview  
Save Lakeside  
Saved!

Parents persuade Lester B. Pearson school board to keep schools open

Parents won a hard-fought victory Monday night after the Lester B. Pearson school board decided to keep schools in Lachine and Verdun open until next December.

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