



Wednesday September 26, 2018

**To the Attention of:**  
**Council of Commissioners**  
**Nan Beaton - Chairperson of Programs and Services Committee**  
Lester B. Pearson School Board  
1925 Brookdale Avenue  
Dorval, QC H9P 2Y7

**Subject:** Request for a SNAC Alternate Member for the Programs and Services Committee

Dear Council Members & Nan Beaton - Chairperson of Programs and Services Committee,

The Special Needs Advisory Committee was informed last year that there is no longer an alternate position for the Programs and Services Committee. We are requesting that this be reconsidered as it is done with other committees (e.g. Parents committee, Governing boards etc.).

In submitting this request, we felt it important to mention that parents of students with special needs face particular difficulties in attending meetings. Parent members frequently must send their regrets at the very last minute due to unforeseen issues with their children. Also, parent members are at higher risk of resigning from the committee mid-year, due to challenges at home. Therefore, we feel that having 2 parent members (one regular parent member and one alternate parent member) is beneficial where the parent population is at a particular risk of being reduced.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

Jennifer DiMarco  
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