

## Want to Join?

You can become an active member of the committee that meets 5 times per year by contacting Dena Hagen or viewing our website for upcoming meetings:

[www.nlsec.org/parents/parentsupportcommittee](http://www.nlsec.org/parents/parentsupportcommittee)

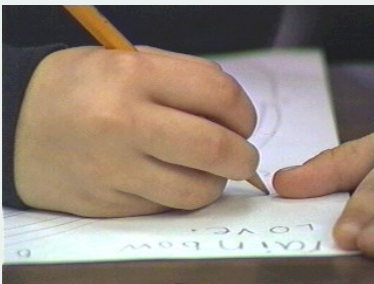
In addition, the Parent Advisory & Family Support Committee has established an effective email distribution list. Your email will be kept confidential and will only be used to provide you the most current information related to special education.

If you are interested in adding your name to the distribution list, please contact one of the following:

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Carlton  
Cloquet  
Cromwell-Wright  
Esko  
Hermantown  
Lake Superior  
McGregor  
Moose Lake  
Northern Lights Academy  
Proctor  
Willow River  
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## Parent Advisory & Family Support Committee

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## Parent Advisory & Family Support Committee



ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN  
WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

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## **What is the Parent Advisory & Family Support Committee?**

The Parent Advisory & Family Support Committee members represent Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative member districts and work in conjunction with the Northern Lights Interagency Council.

The group is comprised of parents, county and school personnel who meet, plan and carry out a variety of activities for children with disabilities and their families.

Meetings also include updates on current special education topics and how the information relates to services for families and children.

The parent advisory committee meet 5 times per year immediately before the Northern Lights Interagency Council.

## **Purpose of the Parent Advisory & Family Support Committee**

The purpose of the committee is:

- to plan and carry out events for families of children with disabilities
- to become informed about current topics in special education
- to become effective advocates for children with disabilities
- to connect with agencies that provide assistance to families



*Parent Advisory &  
Family Support Committee*

## **Current Activities**

### Autism Support Groups

This is a support group for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Set in an informal atmosphere so you can share joys and struggles with other parents. For current meeting places, dates and times, refer to our website:

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### Parent Support Group on Facebook

Opportunities for support and information are available through a Facebook group. To join: search in Facebook "Parenting Together in NE, MN" and request access.

### Parent Welcome Packet

Packets are available for parents looking for more information on the special education process. Included in this packet in an easy to read format is information on assistive technology, communicating effectively with the IEP team, early childhood development, evaluation, interagency planning, transition, and understanding the IEP process.

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