

Botetourt County Public Schools
2018-2019
Special Education Advisory Committee

The Botetourt County Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring an informational session designed to assist families with planning for their child's future. Topics in this session include guardianship, alternatives to guardianship, special needs trusts, and ways for families to save, invest and pay for qualified disability expenses. This informational session is appropriate for any family member of a child with special needs at any age, as it is never too early to begin planning for your child's future.

Presenters include: Ann Green, a local attorney with over twenty years of experience on a variety of areas related to Special Needs Planning; Sarah Pennington, the Brand Manager for ABLEnow, the national ABLE savings program offered by the Commonwealth of Virginia administered by Virginia529.

When: April 9, 2019 from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Where: Lord Botetourt High School Library

Topic: Legal Issues / Financial Planning for Individuals with Disabilities - Guardianship, Trusts and ABLEnow Accounts*

**Disclaimer: These sessions are designed to provide families of children with disabilities information. Botetourt County Public Schools does not offer financial or legal advice. Families should not consider the information contained in these informational sessions as financial, tax or legal advice from Botetourt County Public Schools or the BCPS Special Education Advisory Committee.*

The Botetourt County Special Education Advisory Committee functions to advise the school division of needs in the education of children with disabilities. In addition, the SEAC assists in the development of long-range plans, priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities. The SEAC is comprised of parents of students with disabilities, representatives of local agencies, community members and school representatives.

If you would like more information regarding your local SEAC, you may contact your child's case manager at your school, Matthew Gouker, SEAC Chairperson, at mgouker@bcps.k12.va.us, or Julie A. Baker, Supervisor of Special Education, at jbaker@bcps.k12.va.us.

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