

## MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT



### PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



# WELCOME!

The Macomb Intermediate School District's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is a group comprised of parents of special needs children, volunteers, & educators. The PAC is available to parents of special needs children to:

- assist parents with the special education process by answering questions about special education rules and regulations
- mentor and educate parents
- build positive relationships with schools
- provide input relating to legislative issues
- network with other PACs throughout the state

The PAC has been successful in their goal to involve more parents in the past year and hopes to continue that effort this year. **Your involvement in the PAC is crucial to our success!** The PAC meets monthly at the MISD. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend these meetings. Below is a short biography for each PAC Leadership Team Member:

**Shelley Petty** is the PAC representative for the MISD. She has been married to Jeremy for 20 years and has three children. Their oldest, Hailey, has Rett Syndrome and Lennox Gastaut Syndrome and has been receiving special education services since she was 18 months old. She currently attends Glen Peters School. Their 10-year-old twins, Joslyn & Justyn, attend Oakbrook Elementary in Utica. Shelley is the PTO President at Peters School and is involved with various classroom activities at Oakbrook. She and Jeremy mentor families of children with special needs, focusing on Rett Syndrome. Together, with six other families, they co-host the annual "Quest for a Cure" Walkathon and have raised over \$130,000 for Rett Syndrome Research.

**Jennifer VanderMark** is our newest Leadership Team member and the PAC representative for Eastpointe Schools. She has been married to Kreston for 25 years and they have two children. Their daughter, Emma, is 22 years old and a senior in college. Their son, Caleb, is 8 years old and has non-verbal autism. He attends an MISD program and has been receiving special education services since he was two years old. Jennifer has a law degree from WSU and is a current member of the Michigan Bar Association. In the future, she would like to go into private practice as a special education advocate.

The MISD-PAC strives to make the educational experiences of all children the best they can be and hopes to make this year even better than the last. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the PAC.

Hope to see you at a meeting soon!

Sincerely,

***Shelley, and Jennifer***