

## 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 and
- 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:

**Christine Coppola** is the PAC representative for Chippewa Valley Schools. She has a 14-year-old son, Nicholas, who attends Iroquois Middle School and was diagnosed with High Functioning Autism when he was 3 years old. Nicholas is their only child. Christine works full time as a Remote Medical Coder/Auditor and has been married to her husband Michael for 18 years. She enjoys reading, swimming, and spending time with friends and family. Christine is responsible for keeping minutes at each PAC meeting and assisting in other areas, as needed.

**Nancy Crampton** is the PAC representative for Roseville Schools. She has two daughters, Cindy, who graduated from Roseville High School, and Joy who attends Lake Shore High School and receives special education services for Moderate Multiple Impairments. Nancy works as a substitute paraprofessional for the MISD, she loves to read, listen to music, volunteer in her church, and spend time with her family. Nancy represents the PAC at the Macomb Spring Family Fun Day and assists the committee wherever needed.

**Shelley Petty** is the PAC representative for the MISD. She has been married to Jeremy for 18 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 9-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 23 years and they have two children. Their daughter, Emma, is 21 years old and a senior in college. Their son, Caleb, is 6 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 is currently a stay-at-home mom. She 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,

**Christine, Nancy, Shelley, and Jennifer**