



September 12, 2011

Dear Friends,

We hope you and your family had a terrific summer and a smooth transition back into school this fall. While we were enjoying the last few wonderful days of summer, the officers of the Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council (AB SpEd PAC) were hard at work planning events and securing interesting and engaging speakers for the upcoming school year.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the AB SpEd PAC, we are an organization of parents who gather to provide support to one another and work with the school district in a number of different ways to support the needs of special education students and their families. We provide many educational opportunities throughout the year for families by bringing in speakers on diverse topics, creating social opportunities that bring families together, and providing feedback to the administration regarding special education programs and services.

As you may recall, last year due to state changes in the governance of PACs we established an organization called the Friends of AB SpEd PAC, whose sole purpose is to raise funds to support the goals and objectives of the Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council. The Friends organization has applied for 501(c)(3) status and donations to this organization will be tax deductible once that status has been granted.

This letter is to encourage you to become a voting member of the Friends of AB SpEd PAC so you can help determine how our funds are spent each year. There is a nominal annual membership fee of \$5 to become a voting member of the organization. Sign up by filling out the attached form and returning it to Caroline Jarvis, Treasurer, at the address below. If you would also like to make a donation to the organization in any amount, your support would be greatly appreciated. Your membership and/or donation will allow the SpEd PAC to continue to provide high quality speakers, resources and activities for special education families across our school district.

The AB SpEd PAC wants to continue to grow its services to the community, but we can only carry out our 2011-2012 school year programs with your financial help. On behalf of the families and students who will benefit from your membership and/or donation, we thank you. If you have any questions about the AB SpEd PAC or Friends of the AB SpEd PAC, please feel free to contact us at nsherburne@mindspring.com or William.Guthlein@verizon.net, or visit the PAC's website at www.abspedpac.org.

Sincerely,

Nancy Sherburne, Co-Chair

Bill Guthlein, Co-Chair

I would like to join the Friends of AB SpEd PAC and have included my \$5 annual membership dues.
Yes _____ No _____

I would like to help support the work of AB SpEd PAC in promoting understanding, respect, support, and an appropriate education for all children with special needs in our community. Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____

Name _____ Email: _____

Address _____

I would like to attend a presentation about or by:

Please make your check payable to **Friends of AB SpEd PAC Ltd.**, and mail to:
AB SpEd PAC, c/o Caroline Jarvis – Treasurer, 95 Hammond Street, Acton MA 01720