

SEACOM (Special Education Advisory Council of Marblehead) in partnership with The Swampscott Special Education Advisory Board announce the following workshop:

Legal Issues Surrounding MCAS Accommodations and Extended Year / Summer Services

Featured Speaker: Daniel T.S. Heffernan
Partner at the law firm of Kotin, Crabtree & Strong LLP

Date & Time: Monday, January 12, 2008 7:00 - 9:00pm

Location: Marblehead Veterans Middle School
217 Pleasant Street, Marblehead, MA
Room location will be posted at the school Monday evening
Free and open to the public

As the spring semester begins, many families of children with special needs pursue MCAS accommodations and extended year / summer services with their school district. What services is my child entitled to? How does a parent or caregiver demonstrate need? What are the appropriate steps one takes to pursue such services? Attorney Heffernan will lead an interactive discussion that answers these questions and addresses the legal aspects related to the pursuit of these services. We will spend about 45 minutes on each topic and the discussion will pertain to children of all ages.

Attorney Heffernan is a partner with the firm of Kotin, Crabtree Strong. He graduated from Boston College in 1981 and Harvard Law School in 1987. He has had extensive trial experience, representing both plaintiffs and defendants, including individuals with disabilities, in complex personal injury, medical malpractice, civil rights, product liability and commercial litigation.

Since 1995 he has served as the president of the board of directors of the Federation of Children with Special Needs. In 2002 he received the Dr. Allen C. Crocker Award of Excellence by the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress. He concentrates his practice in personal injury, special education and commercial litigation.

SEACOM is a state mandated parent volunteer organization that acts as a resource and advisor to parents of children with special needs and the Marblehead Public Schools. We are committed to forming a fun, supportive, and educational group. For more information about SEACOM, visit our website at www.seacomonline.org.