

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

**Advocating for Children During Difficult Financial Times**

Featured Speaker: Bob Gass, Executive Director of the Northshore Education Consortium

Date & Time: Monday, March 9, 2009 7:00 - 8:30pm

Location: **Swampscott High School**  
**200 Essex Street, Swampscott, MA**  
Room location will be posted at the school Monday evening  
Free and open to the public

Bob has an extensive background in education, child welfare and social services. He was previously the Executive Director of Concord Family and Youth Services and also served in leadership positions at the Walker Home and School in Needham, Bay Cove Human Services and Home for Little Wanderers in Boston.

For 24 years Bob served as school committee member and is the former President of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC). Active in his local community, Bob co-chaired the Middle School Building Committee, which oversaw a multi-million dollar middle school renovation and has been a town meeting member for 28 years in Randolph.

Currently, Bob is the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the South Shore Charter Public School in Norwell. He serves on the Board of the Massachusetts Organization of Educational Collaboratives and the Special Education Committee of MASC. He has presented at numerous state and national conferences over the past years, with a particular focus on helping public schools better service students with significant emotional and/or mental health needs. He was also a founding Board member of MAAPS and served as its President from 1985 to 1987.

A licensed social worker, Bob also holds certificates as a school superintendent, building principal and administrator of special education.

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](http://www.seacomonline.org).