

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Community Advisory Committee

(BP 2000)

Each SELPA in California shall establish a community advisory committee (“CAC”) to serve only in an advisory capacity.

CACs are a vital component of effective special education programs in California. They are commissioned by law and are a reflection of the community they serve. CACs are composed mainly of parents, and may include educators, pupils and adults with disabilities, representatives of public and private agencies, and persons concerned with the needs of individuals with disabilities. They are appointed by their governing boards of the member LEAs in the SELPA in accordance with the accompanying Administrative Regulation.

The CAC’s responsibilities include advising the JPA Board of the SELPA regarding the development, amendment, and review of the Local Plan. The CAC acts in an advisory capacity and may recommend priorities or changes to be addressed by the plan. Other responsibilities include, but need not be limited to:

- Encouraging community and parental involvement in the development, review, and implementation of the SELPA Local Plan;
- Supporting activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs;
- Assisting in parent awareness of the importance of regular school attendance; and
- Providing families an opportunity to share resources and support.

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56190 *et seq.* Community Advisory Committee