

## Your voice is important!

We want to hear what issues are important to you, what topics you would like to see addressed, and how the CAC can help

you support your child in school! Please contact us with your thoughts and ideas, and be sure to include your contact information.

Send an email to [cacsanbenito@sbcoe.org](mailto:cacsanbenito@sbcoe.org) or US Mail at the following address:

San Benito County CAC  
c/o San Benito County SELPA  
460 Fifth Street  
Hollister, CA 95023



If you would like information about how to become a member of CAC, or would like to attend a meeting, please contact your school district or fill out this form and return it to your child's teacher.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Teachers, please return this portion to the SELPA office via district email.**

## The CAC needs YOU!

Attending a CAC meeting is a great opportunity to gain a tremendous amount of knowledge, and to have your voice be heard! Here are a few ways you can help support the CAC and your child's education:

- > Attend a meeting.
- > Increase community participation by inviting another parent or educator to the meeting.
- > Volunteer to help during event/activity
- > Offer to represent your school district.
- > Help pick up and distribute literature.



## Meeting Information

All CAC meetings are open to the public and are held at the following location unless otherwise noted:

**San Benito County Office of Education  
Board Room  
460 Fifth Street, Hollister, CA  
6:00-7:00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month**

*The Parent Education Seminars (PES) will be held at Hollister School District from 6:00-7:30pm.*

Each meeting will have a topic which has been selected based on your feedback from parent surveys.

# SAN BENITO COUNTY



## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



*"Linking together the  
Special Education Community"*

*Parents In collaboration with the  
San Benito County  
Special Education  
Local Plan Area*

**San Benito County SELPA  
460 Fifth Street, Hollister, CA  
831.637.5393**



## School Districts Participating in the San Benito County Local Plan Area:

Aromas-San Juan Unified  
Hollister Elementary  
North County Joint Union  
San Benito High School  
Bitterwater-Tully Union  
Cienega Union  
Jefferson  
Panoche  
Southside  
Tres Pinos Union  
Willow Grove Union  
San Benito County  
Office of Education



## What is the CAC?

The CAC works with SELPA (San Benito County Special Education Local Plan Area) to help address the needs of the special education community.

The CAC serves in an advisory capacity to the SELPA regarding community opinions, concerns, and suggestions pertaining to special education and related services to students with disabilities.

The CAC represents and supports the interest of children with disabilities, their parents, educators and our community.



## Who are we?

The majority of the CAC members are parents of students in special education. Other members may include students with special needs, representatives of related public agencies, special education teachers, general education teachers, other school staff. All district parent representatives of CAC need to be appointed by a district board.

## CAC mission is ...

To encourage parents to actively participate and become knowledgeable, empowered and effective partners in the development and implementation of learning experiences for students with special needs.



## What does the CAC do?

- > Increases parent awareness of changes in special education laws.
- > Informs parents of resources within our community.
- > Serves in an advisory capacity in the review and development of the Local Plan for Special Education.
- > Recommends annual priorities to be addressed by the SELPA.
- > Encourages community involvement in the development of the Local Plan.
- > Assists in parent education and recruitment.