

## BELIEF STATEMENTS

### We Believe...

- *Support for students with a disability should be provided by parents, educators, students and the community.*
- *Parents, schools and community partnership should provide opportunities that promote independence for students with disabilities.*
- *The person comes first, not the disability.*
- *A person with a disability should be an active participant in the community.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Copper Country Intermediate School District Parent Advisory Committee is to promote partnerships among parents and educators that benefit students with disabilities.

**You are welcome to attend any PAC meeting. Meetings are scheduled on bi-monthly Thursdays September-May @ 6:30 p.m. at the CCISD. Call the Copper Country ISD to confirm. (906) 482-4250 ext. 181.**

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)  
Copper Country Intermediate School District  
809 Hecla Street  
Hancock, MI 49930

**Copper Country  
Intermediate  
School District**  
Serving Baraga, Houghton  
& Keweenaw Counties

**PARENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION  
2021-2022**



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# WHO WE ARE

We are parents of children with disabilities. We represent local school districts in Houghton, Baraga and Keweenaw Counties and the Copper Country Intermediate School District.

## 2021-2022 PAC REPRESENTATIVES

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
(Vacant)

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
(Vacant)

**BARAGA AREA SCHOOLS**  
Michael Lahti (906) 201-2162

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET, LAURIUM & KEWEENAW**  
(Vacant)

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
(Vacant)

**COPPER COUNTRY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Cindy Figures, Chairperson (906) 231-3254  
Zack Halkola (906) 281-0891

**COPPER ISLAND ACADEMY**  
(Vacant)

**DOLLAR BAY-TAMARACK CITY AREA SCHOOLS**  
(Vacant)

**ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL**  
(Vacant)

**GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**  
Amanda Wais (906) 289-4788

**HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
(Vacant)

## 2021-2022 PAC Representatives (Continued)

**HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Bobbie Jo Holombo (906) 483-0919

**LAKE LINDEN-HUBBELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Jennifer Beaudette (906) 369-0267

**L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS**  
Heather Tikkanen (906) 201-0846

**STANTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
(Vacant)

**PAC SECRETARY (CCISD)**  
Sue Wohlleber (906) 482-4250 Ext. 181

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# WHAT WE DO

- Local school districts appoint one parent to the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). Care is given in this process to assure that, to the extent possible, the PAC membership also represents the various disabilities of students enrolled in our programs.
- As PAC members, we provide communication, awareness and collaboration between parents, the community, local school districts and the Intermediate School District.
- PAC members stay informed of local special education practices and current trends via their participation on the committee. ISD personnel serve as liaisons to the PAC. Members have opportunities to attend informational events, including the annual U.P. Special Education Conference.

- The Parent Advisory Committee may arrange presentations by ISD professional staff, visits to area schools and other awareness activities to familiarize themselves with special education programs & services in the Copper Country ISD.
- PAC members are accessible to local parents for support and information. Questions regarding our organization may be directed to any committee member. Each member is willing to help you become more aware of the services available to you and your child.
- The PAC develops, promotes and hosts the CCISD parent Advisory Committee Awards Reception. This annual event is held in recognition of persons in Houghton, Baraga and Keweenaw Counties who have made outstanding contributions to the education and understanding of children with disabilities.
- The PAC, in cooperation with the Intermediate School District, develops and distributes a Handbook for Parents. This manual informs parents of programs and services available within the CCISD. It also outlines the rights of students receiving special education services and their parents.
- PAC members may act as liaisons to community agencies which serve persons with disabilities.

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**A**dvisory  
**C**ommittee