

## SEPAC SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), Groton-Dunstable Regional School District, is excited to announce that attorney Richard W. Cole, principal of *Cole Civil Rights and Safe Schools Consulting*, will deliver a presentation as part of our lecture series on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 7:00 pm, on "*Protecting Children with Disabilities from Bullying and Harassment In Schools: What Parents Need to Know to Advocate for their Children.*" The meeting will be held in Groton-Dunstable Regional High School library.

Attorney Cole will address the differences between bullying and harassment, warning signs in our children, what is an effective school response, what schools are legally required to do, and where you may turn for help when you are not satisfied with the school's response.

*As a Civil Rights and Safe Schools Consultant*, Richard Cole works extensively with K-12 schools throughout New England on school climate and safety, protecting students' civil rights, and in addressing bullying, cyberbullying and harassment. He also represents parents whose children have been victimized by bullying and harassment. Attorney Cole has decades of experience advocating for the rights of students with disabilities.

Richard W. Cole is former Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Civil Rights Division in the Massachusetts Office of Attorney General. He was national co-chair of the federal-state effort that resulted in the acclaimed publication of the U.S. Department of Education, "*Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime-A Guide for Schools.*" For more information about our speaker, you may visit his website at [www.colecivilrights.com](http://www.colecivilrights.com).

If you have any questions or a need for accommodations, please contact the SEPAC chair, Gail Glatiotis at [gmglatiotis@aol.com](mailto:gmglatiotis@aol.com). We hope to see you there.