

Hightstown East Windsor School District

Special Education Parent Advisory Group

Parents Only Meet & Greet

Wednesday October 6th at 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7268093315?pwd=RnpwTVUyaWhlSkhjcW5kNk1PUEwrdz09

Does your child have an IEP, a 504, or receive other services through the special education department?

Then you need to be at the next SEPAG meeting!

Be Involved. Be Heard. Be Informed.

Students need parents to get involved and provide input. We invite you to join our Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) which gives parents the opportunity to provide input to the school and receive advice regarding matters pertaining to special education.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO JOIN OUR MAILING LIST, PLEASE EMAIL <u>HEWSEPAG@GMAIL.COM</u>
Join us on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/HEWSEPAG</u>

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What is a Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)?

A SEPAG is a state-mandated, parent-driven group charged with providing input to the local school district on system-level challenges in special education and related services.

New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.):6A:14-1.2(h) states:

Each district board of education shall ensure that a special education parent advisory group is in place in the district to provide input to the district on issues concerning students with disabilities.

Purpose

- To provide direct input on the policies, programs and practices that impact services and supports for children with disabilities and children that require accommodations through a 504 plan or an IEP and their families.
- To increase the involvement of families of children with disabilities in making recommendations on special education policy.
- To advise on matters that pertain to the education, health and safety of children with disabilities and children that require accommodations through a 504 plan or an IEP.
- To advise on unmet needs of children with disabilities.

Our Mission

The HEWSEPAG is a solution-oriented parent advisory group that represents students who receive special education services through the Hightstown East Windsor School District. We offer advice, provide information, and make available resources to parents of children with special educational needs. HEWSEPAG is a supportive, informative, and encouraging forum for you and your child. It is our goal to empower you, the parent, to become an effective advocate for your child.

HEWSEPAG provides direct input to our district leaders regarding the policies, programs and services impacting the special education community. The group collaborates with district staff, administrators, and Board of Education members to facilitate engagement and open transparent communication in order to create the best possible outcomes for all learners.

Why should I get involved in HEWSEPAG?

Participation in a SEPAG offers the opportunity to raise questions, voice concerns, and provide direct input to district and school leadership. The great benefit of participating in HEWSEPAG is that the individual needs of a child become part of "the big picture," and can reach a broader community of children.

Confidentiality

Parents can share their concerns with the assurance that their input will not have personal identification. Information is anonymous and confidential.



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