



# Rumson School District SEPAG

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# SEPAG Team Members

## Child Study Team

- **Dr. Michael Snyder**
  - Director of Special Services
- **Mr. Spencer Austin**
  - School Psychologist
- **Ms. Karly Toto**
  - LCSW
- **Mrs. Sandra Self**
  - LDTC
- **Dr. Ursula Glackin**
  - Pre-K Case Manager, Speech Therapist
- **Ms. Laura Randazzo**
  - Special Services Administrative Assistant

## PARENT CHAIRS

- Mrs. Melissa Boss
  - *SEPAG Parent Representative*
- Mrs. Amy Brown
  - *SEPAG Parent Representative*

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## STAFF MEMBERS

- Miss. Amanda O'Rourke
  - *Special Education Teacher*
- Ms. Durie Leidner
  - *District BCBA*

# What is SEPAG?



## *What is SEPAG?*

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

## *Why Join SEPAG?*

- Is your child a different learner?
- Does he/she have an IEP or receive special services through the Special Education department?
- We would like to invite you to become more active in your child's education by joining SEPAG.
- SEPAG provides parents the opportunity to provide input to the school in regard to matters pertaining to students with disabilities.





# What is the purpose and function of SEPAG?

A SEPAG gives parents the opportunity to provide direct input to the district about policies, programs, practices and services that impact students with disabilities and their families.





# *Who can be in SEPAG?*

## **Parents: The Heart of SEPAG**

- Parents are the cornerstone members of a SEPAG, representing children with disabilities enrolled in schools within or outside the district.
- Membership is open to parents of children with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), regardless of their background or training.

## **Other Potential Members Include:**

- School Leaders: Director/Supervisor of Special Services, School Administrators
- Educators: General Education Teachers, Special Education Teachers
- Support Team: Child Study Team Members, School Professionals
- Student Involvement: Students, Former Students
- Dedicated Parents: Other parents committed to improving education in their district
- Community Engagement: Community leaders and other citizens





***How Can I get Involved?  
Can I encourage others  
to get involved?***

After this informative session, we invite you to take the next step in getting involved. Please seek out one of our co-chairs to express your interest in participating. Alternatively, you can email us to indicate your desire to be involved.

We encourage you to share this opportunity with others in our community. Remember, the more people we have, the stronger our impact will be. Let's come together and make a difference!



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***When does SEPAG meet?***

***What do I do if I cannot make meetings during the school day?***

## Meeting Schedule

- SEPAG will convene quarterly throughout the year, providing regular opportunities for engagement and collaboration.
- If you are unable to attend meetings, rest assured that meeting agendas will be promptly posted on the SEPAG website for your convenience.



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## What SEPAG IS...

- Parent Driven/Led
- General Conversation
- Respectful
- A place to discuss, share and express needs for the greater group
- A collaborative organization to support parents of different learners

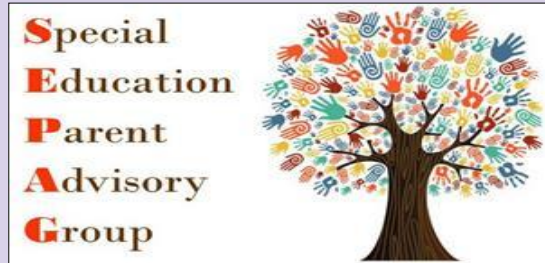
## What SEPAG IS NOT...

- A place to discuss specific children and only consider their needs
- A place to discuss specific teachers/staff
- A place to discuss situations not relevant to the greater group.





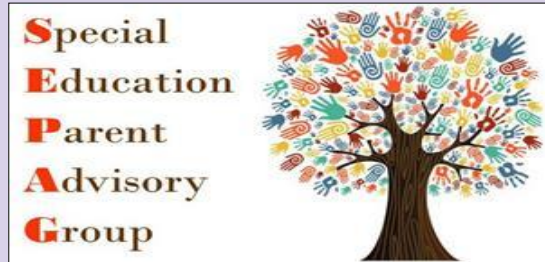
# Q and A Session



Please ask any  
questions you may  
have!



# Contact Information



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