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Tri-district Special Education Transition Forum in Rumson.



Rumson, NJ- On February 27th, 2020, 8th grade students receiving special education services from Rumson as well as Fair Haven public school districts were hosted by Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School for a transition forum. Every year, a handful of special education students volunteer and are selected to represent each grade level from 9th to 12th. While special services and administrative personnel participate, the students themselves run the forum. These young adults address topics ranging from course selection, study skills and cumulative grade point averages to socialization and extra curricula's.

The RFH high school forum represents one of a number of transition activities offered to students receiving special education services in Rumson. In doing this, the districts begin the transition process from middle school to high school. This forum allows for discussion around our student's individual needs, strengths, skills, and interests. Transition planning is used to identify and develop goals which need to be accomplished during the current school year and to assist the students in meeting their high school and postsecondary goals.

Michael Snyder, district representative from Rumson commented: "Transition is a natural part of all educational programs. Transitions from one grade to the next can be especially challenging for our classified students. This forum allows our students to more easily make this shift if careful planning and preparation occurs." Mr. Snyder adds, "When families, schools, and community institutions collectively agree upon their goals and decide how to reach them, everyone benefits. Our community partnership with Rumson Fair Haven and Fair Haven school districts provides a context and an environment that complements and reinforces the values, culture, and learning the schools provides and supports everything we strive to accomplish for our students."