

**Please Join Us for a Meeting of**  
**The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)**  
**of the Howell Township Public Schools**

**When: Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**Where: Howell Township Middle School North Media Center**

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

A SEPAG is a state-mandated, district-level, **parent-driven group** that provides input to the school district on system, building, or group level challenges in special education and related services. A SEPAG is structured to benefit all students with disabilities, not just a single issue.

**Why Should Parents of Students with Disabilities Attend a Meeting of the Howell Township SEPAC group?**

- ❖ Our Goal is to ensure that **all families** are represented through a Parent Advisory Council in Howell Township. **You input is needed to:**
  - ❖ Help revitalize our current SEPAC and increase participation, ensuring that parents of students in **all Howell Programs** (including out-of-district placements) are represented;
  - ❖ Develop a mission statement to guide our group's work;
  - ❖ Set goals for the organization to help prioritize our work;
  - ❖ Establish basic ground rules (or by-laws) for membership and activities;
  - ❖ Plan upcoming meetings, including but not limited to:
    - Parent-led group meetings
    - Informational meetings on specific topics
    - "Listening meetings" or parent forums to gather input
    - Meetings with district leaders

**Do I Have to Attend All Meetings of SEPAC in order to be a contributing member?**

No! We value your input and encourage you to participate whenever you are able. We hope to establish liaisons from each building, parents who you may see more often, who can share information with you and share your input when you are not able to attend a meeting.

**Will School District Administrators be at Every Meeting?**

**Parents are the core members of SEPAC.** Administrators will be present at **some** of the meetings (determined by the plan developed by the group) to gather input from parents about policies, programs, practices and services that have an impact on students with disabilities and their families. District leaders/staff may also be asked to do presentations for the group; that is determined by the SEPAC members and schedule of meetings/activities. **District Administrators will be present at this first meeting to help welcome new members and collaborate with the group.**