

## OCEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Ocean City Parents and Guardians,

As a requirement of New Jersey's Administrative Code 6A:14-1.2(h), all school districts in the state of New Jersey must have a **Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)** in place purposed with providing input to the local school district on system-level challenges in special education and related services. This group is parent organized, parent driven and parent led.

### What is The Purpose of a SEPAG?

- To provide direct input on the policies, programs, and practices that impact services and supports for students with disabilities and their families to the district.
- To increase the involvement of families of children with special needs in making recommendations on special education policy.

### Who Should Attend SEPAG Meetings?

- Anyone with a student or students eligible for or receiving services under an IEP or 504 plan.
- Interested members of the school community.

The Ocean City School District is looking for interested parents and community members to join and lead this important parent group. Please note that this is **NOT** a forum for a discussion about individual students or your child's IEP. The participation in SEPAG benefits the broader community as it considers the needs of a child as part of the big picture for all students and families in the district.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the SEPAG Interest Survey electronically [HERE](#). By completing the survey, you will help in the planning and preparation of SEPAG meetings for the 2021-2022 school year. For additional information, please see the NJDOE SEPAG manual [HERE](#). If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I look forward to our collaboration this school year.

Best Regards,

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