



# Welcome to the Beverly City School District Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)

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# What is SEPAG?

A state-mandated, parent-driven organization that provides input to local school districts on special education programs and related services. SEPAG supports the development and implementation of programs and best practices to sufficiently meet the needs of special education students and families in the district. SEPAG offers the opportunity to raise questions, voice your concerns, and provide direct input to administrators regarding support services. SEPAG also provides parents and families opportunities to learn about district programs, services, and resources.



# SEPAG's Mission

- SEPAG's mission is to promote collaboration between families and schools.
- We are here to share information, experiences, and ideas.
- We want to ensure that family voices are part of the special education decision-making.



# What SEPAG Does

- Hosts parent information sessions.
- Shares resources and advocacy tips.
- Provides feedback to administration.
- Encourages collaboration and community involvement.



# How SEPAG Works with the District

- Regular meetings with CST and administrators.
- Collecting and discussing parent feedback.
- Supporting district initiatives in special education.



# Get Involved!

- Attend SEPAG meetings (schedule available through the district website).
- Volunteer or share your perspective.
- Help plan events or parent outreach.
- Your voice makes a difference!

Parent/Guardian Survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFMwE3g53tlh9eVoPFjZtmc5ufdK\\_R7a-QSCubolnImqvbdA/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFMwE3g53tlh9eVoPFjZtmc5ufdK_R7a-QSCubolnImqvbdA/viewform?usp=header)



# Resources & Support

## **NJDOE SEPAG Guide**

<https://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/parents/docs/SEPAG%20Guide-English-updated%204%2016%2019.pdf>

## **SPAN Parent Advocacy Network**

<https://spanadvocacy.org/>

## **New Jersey Department of Children and Families**

<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/>

## **Learning Disabilities Association of America**

<https://ldaamerica.org/parents/>