



Dear New SWBOCES Families,

We are excited to introduce our Southern Westchester BOCES Special Education Parent Teacher Association. We are a PTA with goals like our counterparts in regular school districts, emphasizing topics related to special education and the lives of families with children who have special needs. SEPTA is here to help create a bridge between school and your family.

Our organization comprises parents, educators and BOCES administrators. We host several events during the school year to support parents and caregivers, as well as to entertain children who have special needs. We offer a variety of informative workshops, ranging from an introduction to area providers of special needs services, such as recreation and respite, to transition workshops that explore topics like legal planning for the special needs child, eligibility for services, and OPWDD certification for the Front Door. These are important topics that every BOCES family will have to tackle.

We also host an annual Holiday Celebration, a fun event for our children filled with crafts, singing, dancing and gifts.

We would like to invite all BOCES families to become members of our SEPTA. It is an organization for you. There is comfort in learning that no family is in it alone. Many of us have navigated the very same issues you now face, and we often have helpful information and experiences to share with you. We are always looking for parents to join the SEPTA planning team. Please let us know if you are interested by sending us your name and contact information with your membership form.

We look forward to getting to know you and sharing this journey together. If we can be of any help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

The SEPTA Executive Board