

New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council

JUNE 13, 2024 AGENDA

In-Person at 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08625
This meeting is also available via Microsoft Teams

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Call to Order

- Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson
Jocelyn Gottlieb, Interim Assistant Chairperson
- Introductions
 - Approval of March Minutes
 - Approval of May Minutes
 - Review of Agenda

9:45 am – 10:00 am

Office of Special Education Standing Updates

Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education

During the following presentations, only SSEAC Council Members and Stakeholders can comment in the chat.

10:00 am – 10:20 am

Program Spotlight: Learning Resource Center-South and the New Teacher Academy (NTA)

Jennifer Murphy, Director of Operations and Programming, Learning Resource Center – South; Taija Haller, Technical Assistance Specialist, Learning Resource Center – South

2nd Annual Special Education Celebration

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Paul Barbato, Council Chairperson
Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education

10:20 am – 10:50 am

New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) and ASAH's Innovation in Special Education Award

Presenters: Irene LeFebvre, Immediate Past President, NJSBA; Lisa Marshall, Chairperson of the Special Education Committee, NJSBA; John Mulholland, Executive Director, ASAH; Janet Bamford, Chief Public Affairs Officer, NJSBA; John Burns, Senior Legislative Counsel, NJSBA; Tom Parmalee, Manager, Communications & Publications, NJSBA

Awardees:

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Children's Adapted Physical Education/Creative Arts
Support Program, Jersey City Public Schools
Creating a Therapeutic Learning Environment, Lyndhurst
Public Schools
Unified Electives, Ridgewood Public Schools
Bombers Beyond Café, Sayreville Public Schools

10:50 am – 11:05 am

1st Annual Autism Acceptance Virtual Art Expo – “What’s in a Dream?”

Dr. Amanda Philp, Autism Specialist, Office of Special Education

11:05 am – 11:15 am

Break

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

“Dare to Dream” for Students with Disabilities

Bill Freeman, State Coordinator of Secondary Transition,
Office of Special Education; Lisa Augliera, Youth
Development Coordinator, NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome
& Associated Disorders

Student Spotlight:

“The Power of Self-Advocacy” with Matthew
Kane, Montgomery High School

Peter Pendell (Virtual)

Madaline Turula (Virtual)

Colin Deibler

Maria Sooy

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm

SPAN Parent Advocacy Network’s “Debbie Esposito: School and Family Partnership Award”

Jocelyn Gottlieb, Interim Assistance Chairperson; Carolyn
Hayer, Executive Director, SPAN Parent Advocacy Network;
Peg Kinsell, Policy Director, SPAN Parent Advocacy
Network

Awardees:

Aracely DiGirolamo, Union Special Education Parent
Advisory Group

Carla Vicari, Union Special Education Parent Advisory
Group

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Acknowledgement:

Kim Conti, Director of Special Services, Township of Union Board of Education

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Closing Remarks:

Jocelyn Gottlieb, Council Interim Assistant Chairperson

12:15 pm – 12:25 pm

Standing Updates: Collaborations in Transition – New Jersey Updates

Dr. Damian Petino, Assistant Director, Office of Special Education

12:25pm – 12:45 pm

Director Updates and Response to Council Reports and Recommendations

Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education

12:45 pm – 1:15 pm

Council Discussion

- Old Business
 - [Dispute Resolution and Findings](#)
- New Business
 - [Summer Learning Institute \(SLI\)](#) Reminder
 - Council Vote: By-Law Amendments
 - [Council Vacancies](#)
 - 2024-2026 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
 - 2024-2025 NJ-SSEAC Meeting Calendar
 - NJ-SSEAC Annual Survey Findings
 - [Monthly Meeting Evaluation Form](#)
- Announcements
 - State Resource Advisory (SPAN, DOC, JJC, DVRS, DOH, DCF, McKinney-Vento, etc.)
 - Advisory Council Connections
 - Office of Special Education Connections (LRC, NJPBSIS, NJPIEP, etc.)

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Public Comments *

1:30 pm

End of Public Session

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