



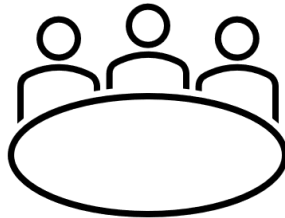
Empowering and Engaging Your SEPTA

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- Increasing engagement with schools and other PTA units.
- Empower SEPTA to collaborate with families and the community.
- Resources to help grow and engage your SEPTA.
- Discussion:

What are your concerns? What challenges are you facing?



- Educate the community on what SEPTA is
- Promote SEPTA - use social media, flyers, word of mouth
- Participate - in-person events such as local parades, school fairs, sporting events, library
- Collaborate with other PTAs - attend meetings and invite to yours - you do not have to join just one PTA
- Meet with school personnel - invite to events, ask for support, ask to join, letters for new CPSE/CSE families
- Explain advocacy efforts that SEPTA has been a part of.
- Encourage community partnerships.
- Ask for feedback from your membership!

Activities or Ideas Your SEPTA can hold/participate in:

Resource Fair

Quiet rooms at large school events

Parent support group

Student Programs or Support Groups

SIBS Support Groups

Speakers at your SEPTA meetings that address parent/guardian concerns.

Advocate for your students to be included or considered during school events.

Resource Guide

Specialized events geared towards special needs students.

SRP Day – 3rd Tuesday of November

Scholarships/ Awards aimed for the special needs community.

Best Buddies program

Volunteer opportunities for students.



Resources To Help

NYS PTA – NYS PTA can provide infographics and social media posts to help promote about your SEPTA. [Parent/Family Resources - Special Education - NYS PTA](#)

<https://www.pta.org/the-center-for-family-engagement>

NYS Education Guide – Special Education - [Special Education:EMSC:NYSED](#)

OPWDD - [Office for People With Developmental Disabilities | Office for People With Developmental Disabilities \(ny.gov\)](#) – <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov>

www.understood.org

[New York State Office of Mental Health](#) - <https://omh.ny.gov>

School District Pupil Personnel Department

Specific organizations such as Autism Speaks, National Down Syndrome Association, CHADD – Children and Adults with Attention Deficit and so many more.

Please keep in mind that it may help to have your flyers translated for those that do not speak English, are ~~visual~~ hearing impaired.

