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Superintendent

**Dr. Alexis A. Piombino**  
Director of Special Services

Dear parents and guardians,

My name is Alexis Piombino and I am the Director of Special Services here in East Hanover. The East Hanover Special Services Department offers a full range of related services and programming available on the special education continuum of need and your child will be receiving speech services. Please understand that no two Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) are alike. Each speech only IEP has been individualized to meet the needs of your child and not all students require the same level of programming or related services. Below we would like to introduce you to some key individuals in your child's programming and also share some resources that may be helpful as you navigate the needs of your child's schooling.

### **Key Staff**

**Case Manager:** Your child will be assigned a case manager to oversee their speech programming and evaluations. Most likely, you have been working with this individual throughout the evaluation process. While your child's case manager can change from year to year, we try to keep the same case manager with your child during their time in a specific building. Case managers are your contact for any issues you or your child may experience related to your child's IEP or therapy.

**Speech Related Service Providers:** Speech therapists are related service providers. They are responsible for the treatment of your child as it relates to their speech and language issues.

### **Checking Progress Reports Online**

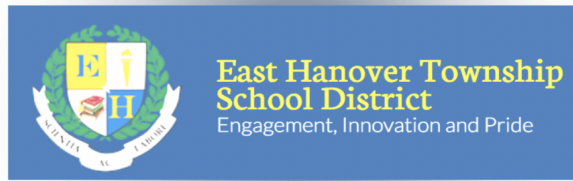
Your child will have progress reporting on goals three times per year at FJS and CES and four times per year at EHMS. Please click on the link to access the instructions on how to review your child's progress report online: (copy attached)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y6WDwcR2uwukbs3Bdn4cxaeMurbx1q7o/view?usp=sharing>

### **Setting up an IEP Binder**

Although this is not mandated, it is helpful to remain organized with an IEP binder. Please check out the link with some additional information on how to set up an IEP binder to keep track of your child's records:

<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/how-to-organize-your-childs-iep-binder>



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## **Additional Supports**

While I am always happy to assist you in any way necessary, for other supports please check out the links below:

### **Parental Rights in Special Education:**

<https://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/parents/>

### **New Jersey Special Education Administrative Code:**

<https://www.state.nj.us/education/code/current/title6a/chap14.pdf>

For help in understanding your rights, you may contact any of the following: Alexis Piombino, Director of Special Services 973-887-2112, x127; Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) at (800) 654-7726; Protection and Advocacy, Inc., at (800) 922-7233; Morris County Office of Education, Sandra Gogerty 973-829-8556

## **Special Education Parent Advisory Group**

Each district board of education shall ensure that a special education parent advisory group is in place in the school district to provide input to the school district on issues concerning students with disabilities.

For more information on the East Hanover Township Parent-Led Special Education Parent Advisory Group, please check out their website at [www.EastHanoverSEPAG.com](http://www.EastHanoverSEPAG.com)

In order to contact the SEPAG or receive mailing from this group, please email: [EastHanoverSEPAG@gmail.com](mailto:EastHanoverSEPAG@gmail.com) Please note this is a parent-led group and this email address is not monitored by East Hanover Township School Staff.

For any questions related to district programming or special services questions or concerns please contact me at [apiombino@easthanoverschools.org](mailto:apiombino@easthanoverschools.org) or 973-887-2112 ext.127.

With gratitude,

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