

# CHERRY HILL SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA

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## EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, AND INCLUSION ON BEHALF OF CLASSIFIED STUDENTS

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Dr. Gaffney;

Many parents and supporters of SEPTA have contacted us regarding the proposed Modified Block Schedule that will begin at various schools within the Cherry Hill School District. While there is a link on the district website of Frequently Asked Questions along with the district responses regarding Modified Block Scheduling, our subgroup of parents have specific questions relating to the Special Education students in the areas of scheduling, programming, and the delivery of services. We are asking the district to read our questions from our concerned parents and provide in writing how the district plans to implement procedures based on the following questions.

- 1) What will the school do if a classified student needs to be removed from the educational setting during an 80 minute period?
- 2) How will the district assist students in the hallway if they get confused on where to go on any particular day since the schedule rotates?
- 3) If a substitute teacher is needed for a self contained class, will the district go through a sub service and request a substitute that has a Special Education endorsement or just choose someone from the list of substitutes available?
- 4) Are Inclusion sections going to have a content specific and Special Education teacher present in Humanities and Science classes every time the class meets or only on certain days?
- 5) How will Special Education students receive extra help if they need it during their lunch period?
- 6) Are all classified students expected to take 8 periods a day?

SEPTA plans on posting the district responses to these questions on our website for our parents and members to view. Please contact us if you have questions. Thank you for your concern in this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lance, President, SEPTA