

SOMERSET HILLS PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Somerset Hills Parents and Professionals for Exceptional Children is to provide support and advocacy for the families of special needs children and to provide a forum for all individuals interested in the education of these students. Through a collaborative effort between parents, professionals, community members and the Special Services Department, we will strive to improve the lives of special needs students in the Somerset Hills School District.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals of the Somerset Hills PEC are:

- To provide support and advocacy for families of students with special needs
- To maintain effective communication between parents and professionals on current topics in special education
- To improve educational, recreational, vocational and social programs for special needs students
- To keep abreast of federal, state and local legislation that may impact the education of students with IEP's
- To work together to help special needs children grow, and to help the community better understand the needs of exceptional children

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Membership & meetings are open to all individuals interested in improving the lives and education of special needs students.