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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a follow up from our first meeting, the district is forming a parent advisory board for our Special Education Parent Advisory Group. We are interested in receiving letters of interest from individuals who are willing to serve from January 2025 to December 2025. The district will have a diverse representation across the community. Please submit your interest to kennedy@oaklandschoolsnj.org no later than January 31, 2025. We will choose the members of the parent advisory board prior to the February 12th meeting.

The district is organizing a Special Education Parent Advisory Group (“SEPAG”) meeting for February 12, 2025. The SEPAG will work in cooperation with the Director and Supervisors of the Student Personnel and Special Services Department in the following ways:

- Maintain a dialogue relevant to educational programs for the school year.
- Disseminate information to other parents relevant to programs and services.
- Communicate thoughts, ideas, and recommendations to the Child Study Team so that we may continue to improve services to special needs students.
- Provide workshops for parents/guardians.

Please RSVP to Ms. Anne-Marie Kennedy, kennedy@oaklandschoolsnj.org, if you can join us at the date and time below:

Date:	Wednesday, February 12 , 2025
Location:	Dogwood Hill Elementary School Library 25 Dogwood Drive, Oakland, NJ
6:30 p.m.	Parent Advisory Group Meeting
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Presentation on Neurodivergent Learner by West Bergen Mental Healthcare
8:00 p.m.	Meeting concludes

If you have any questions, please contact us by calling 201-337-4442 extension 9. We look forward to working collaboratively with you.

Sincerely,

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