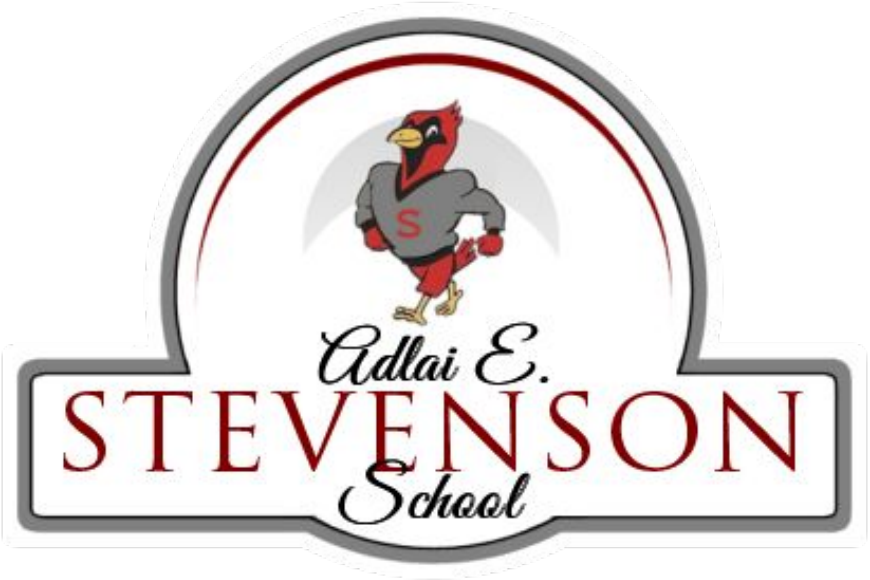


Back to School Night
September 15, 2026

Welcome!

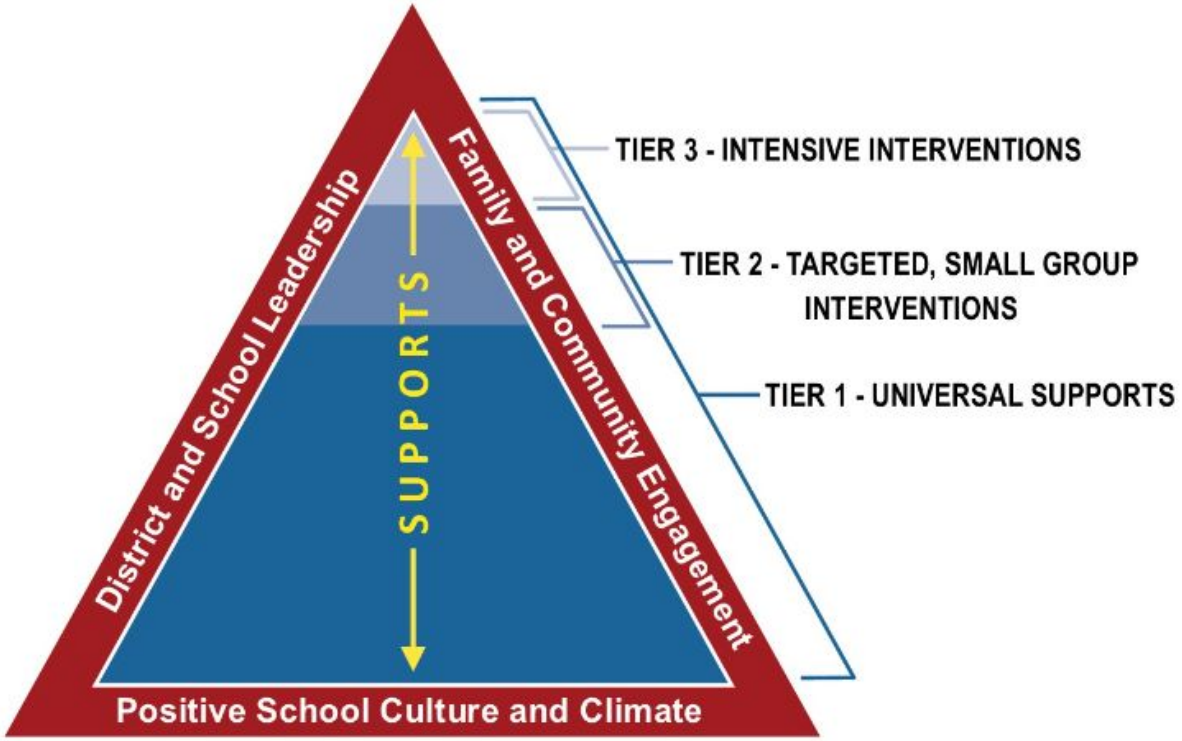
Ryan Gupta, Principal/Superintendent

- Prioritize the safety, health, and well-being of all students.
  - Class III Officer Mike Sikorski (while Officer Joe Prinzo recovers)
  - Nut-free school district (no granola, honey nut cheerios, peanut/almond butter…)
  - Bus safety - wearing seat belts, remaining in seat, following the directions of the driver,...
    - Repeated offenses will result in the loss of bus privilege
  - Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures - Pull all the way up! Pickup based on Genesis; call main office before 1:00 pm if there are any changes (bus, pickup, or Tiny Treasures?)
- Maximize student growth (social, emotional, academic)
  - *Following directions, putting forth maximum effort, persevering, cooperating, compromising, respecting others, building positive habits & routines*…
  - Disruptive behavior - warnings, visit to principal's office, parent communication, loss of recess time

My Team

- Katie Prall, District Reading Specialist
- Katie Vagell, School Counselor
- Meghan Cafone, Director of Special Services, Anti-Bullying Coordinator
- Thank you to my amazing faculty and staff!

Stevenson's Support System



NJTSS

and

I&RS

Katie Prall

Reading Specialist

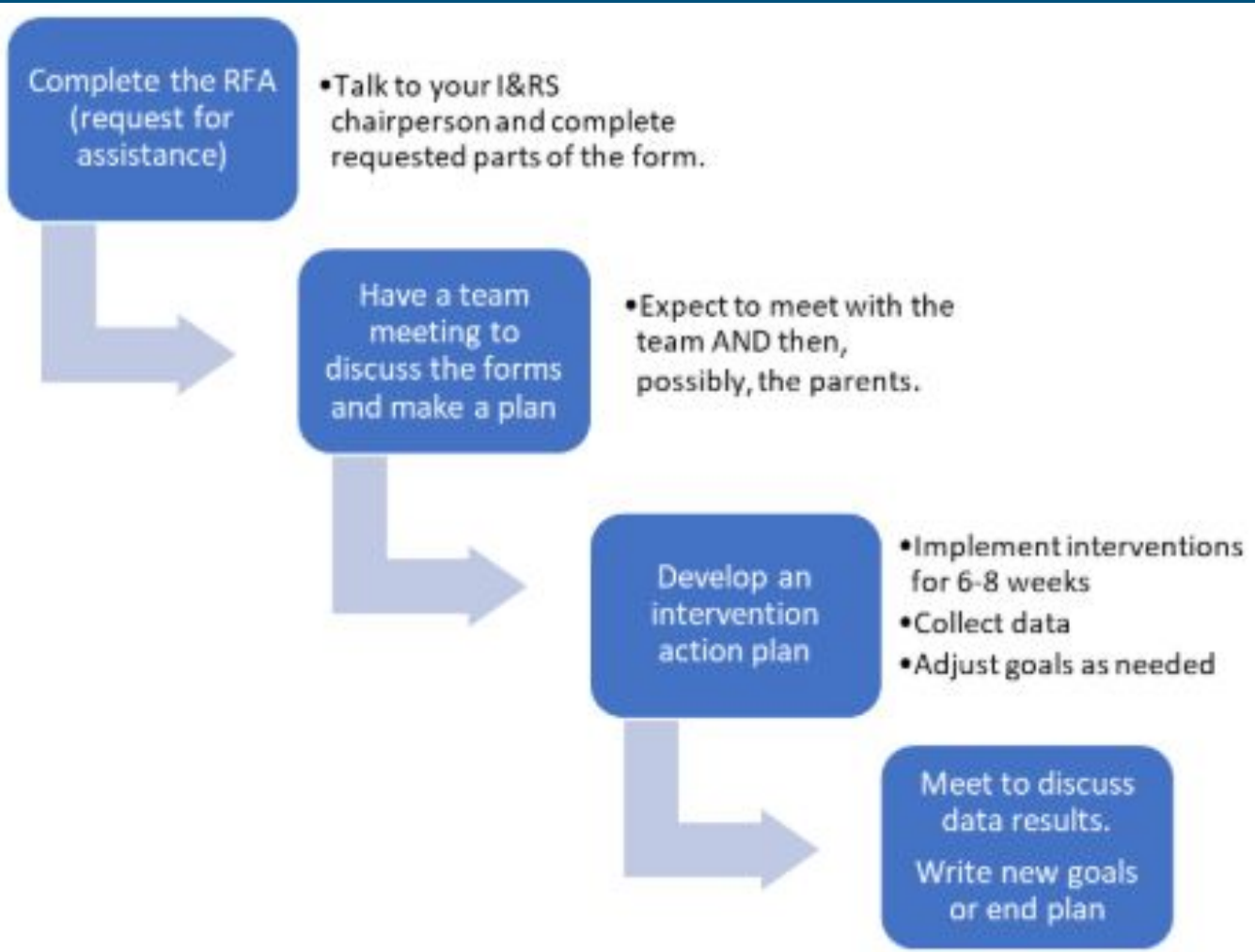
What does NJTSS look like at Stevenson?

For successful NJTSS programming we rely on:

- Benchmark assessments for all students three times a year. You will be notified of their scores (it's common to be slightly below in the fall.)
- Identify and support students, as identified from the assessment data.
- Regular progress monitoring throughout the intervention cycle.
- Meetings with the I&RS team, teachers, and parents if/when needed.

I&RS

Our multi-step process can be started with the teacher or parent.



Mrs. Katie Vagell
School Counselor, K-2



Indiv/Group/Check-ins

Partner with Teachers & Parents

Birdhouses Program

504 Coordinator

SEL Lessons

Anti-Bullying Specialist

How and when your child might see me:

Hallways
Lunch/Recess
Lessons 1x Mo
Pickup/Dropoff
Assemblies

Any child can talk to the counselor, I'm not just for the "big problems"

For continuous support, referrals are made by parents and/or teachers with a goal in mind.

Quick Check-In, Support with problem solving or Conflict resolution



First Assembly on Mon. 9/28

"Stevenson Staff" option if homeroom teacher is not available

Reach out!

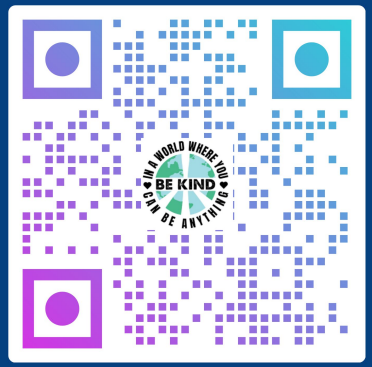


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Resources:



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Fairfield SEPAG

Special Education Parent Advisory Group



The New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:14-1.2(h) – Each board of education shall ensure that a special education parent advisory group is in place in the district to provide input to the district on issues concerning students with disabilities.

What is SEPAG

SEPAG is a parent-led group that works in partnership with the school district to support students who receive special education services. It's a place for parents to share ideas, ask questions, and give feedback about programs, services, and the overall special education experience.

Email: fairfieldsepag@gmail.com

Upcoming SEPAG Events

- Meet and Greet - **September 22nd** at 7pm in the Stevenson Gym
- "Cider & Stories" with author Melissa Petrillo - **October 8** at 6:30 pm in the Fairfield Library
- November TBD
- Spring event TBD



You're Not ALONE

SEPAG MEET & GREET

CONNECT ♥ ASK ♥ SHARE ♥ SUPPORT

SEPTEMBER 22 | 7:00 – 7:30 PM | STEVENSON GYM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

- Meet the SEPAG Board
- Ask Questions
- Share Your Experience
- Find Support & Resources

Together, we make a difference.

PUT ON YOUR PJS AND JOIN THE FUN!

FAIRFIELD SEPAG PRESENTS:

CIDER & DONUTS STORIES

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

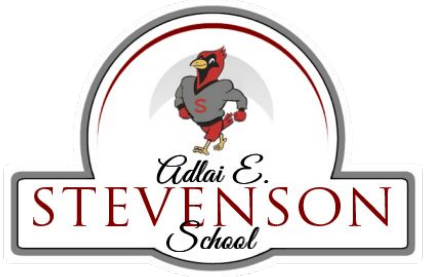
STARTS AT 6:30PM

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

JOIN US FOR A COZY AND MEANINGFUL NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY FEATURING OUR SPECIAL GUEST

MELISSA PETRILLO, AUTHOR OF SOMETIMES

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, WEAR YOUR COZIEST PAJAMAS, ENJOY A BEDTIME STORY, AND TREAT YOURSELF TO DELICIOUS APPLE CIDER DONUTS GENEROUSLY DONATED BY APPLEGATE FARMS.



THANK YOU

- **Home and School Association (HSA)**
- **Fairfield Spec. Ed. Advisory Group (SEPAG)**
- **Fairfield Education Foundation (FEF)**
- **Fairfield Municipal Alliance (FMAC)**

Please stop at the tables in the gym for more information about the organizations that support us!