



HEMPFIELD  
PARTNERS FOR  
EXCEPTIONAL  
CHILDREN (HPEC)  
REORGANIZING  
MEETING

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*6:00pm (ZOOM)*

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# INTRODUCTIONS

## MEREDITH GOODRICH

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- Elementary Special Education Supervisor



## JEN ZOLENAS

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- Secondary Special Education Supervisor



## JANELLE WITTER

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- Exceptional Student Specialist (K-12 Gifted Coordinator, Special Ed Consultant)



# AGENDA

What is  
HPEC?

Where  
have we  
been?

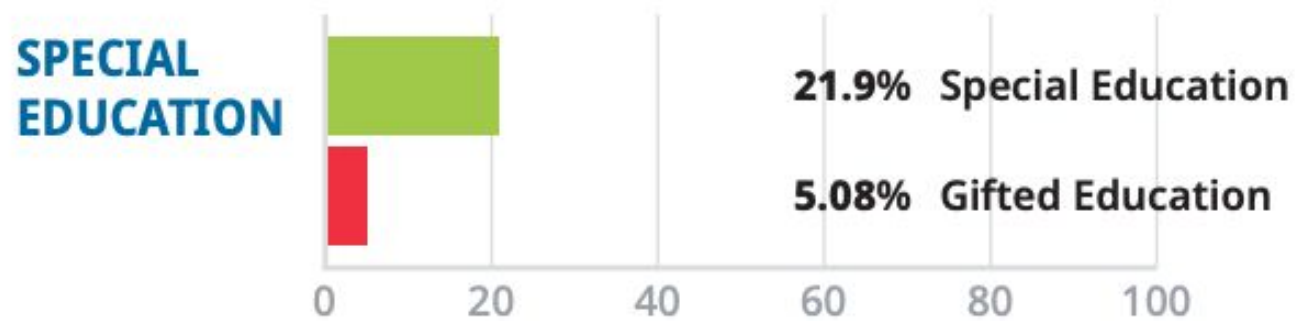
Where are  
we going?

How can  
you get  
involved?



# WHAT IS HPEC?

## PARENTS OF HEMPFIELD'S EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS



# WHO IS HPEC HERE FOR?

Category	Number of Students
Autism	292
Hearing Impairment	4
Intellectual Disability	78
Multiple Disability	14
Orthopedic Impairments	5
Emotional Disturbance	135
Specific Learning Disability	684
Speech or Language Impairment	275
Traumatic Brain Injury	4
Visual Impairment	1
Other Health Impairments	300
Gifted (2e)	416 (34 2e)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,208</b>

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students  
with parents  
or guardians  
who could  
benefit from  
HPEC!



# WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

HPEC worked to improve communication between home and school and provided supports to help parents understand both the needs of exceptional students and the supports available to them.

We are looking to bring back HPEC as a resource to parents and guardians of exceptional students.

2020

Pre-2020

2024

As with many things, COVID stopped HPEC in its track.



# PAST HPEC OPPORTUNITIES

## INFORMATION

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- Q&A sessions with district administration
  - Support for understanding the evaluation, identification, and placement process for exceptional students

## EDUCATION

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- Outside Presenters speaking on a variety of topics:
  - Executive Functioning
  - Mental Health
  - Post-Secondary Transition
  - Autism
  - ADHD

## SOCIALIZATION

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- Family Resource Fair
- Breakfast with HPEC



# WHERE ARE WE GOING?

- We are hoping to bring HPEC back for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Survey Results
- We are looking for volunteers





# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

## JOIN THE STEERING COMMITTEE!

- Meet with district representatives and other parents to plan HPEC events for the year
- Bi-monthly meetings to plan up to 4 events for the year.

## PARTICIPATE IN OFFERINGS

- Complete our [survey](#) and give input on what types of HPEC offerings could support you and your family.
- Attend HPEC events.
- Share about HPEC events with other families who may benefit.





# QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

# STAY CONNECTED

- HPEC Website:  
<https://www.hempfieldsd.org/Page/112>
- Contact info:
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THANK YOU!

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