



Cherry Hill Special Education PTA

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Cherry Hill Public Schools
45 Ranoldo Terrace
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Attn: Ms Israela Franklin, Director of Special Education

Dear Ms. Franklin,

As a result of information that has entered the public domain via a Courier Post web-log, the Cherry Hill Special Education PTA (CHSEPTA) has received a number of inquiries and concerns from parents of special education children.

The purpose of this communication is to request that the district please respond to the following questions:

1. Is the data, as represented in the "On Autism" web-log, correct and accurate (1999 – 2007); specifically, that in 2006-2007 there were 1824 special education students, but only 259 participating in special education programs (14%)?
2. What accounts for the pronounced decrease in the number of children in special education programs from 2003 to 2007 (the average percentage of children in programs from 1999 to 2003 is 81%, whereas the average percentage of children in programs from 2003 to 2007 is 17%)?

The CHSEPTA board is available to discuss these issues in person, but respectfully requests a written response. The CHSEPTA point of contact for this matter is Bob Bourbon, Treasurer, who can be contacted via cell phone at 202.207.7678 and email at robert.a.bourbon@hotmail.com.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Bourbon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert A. Bourbon
Treasurer, CHSEPTA