

NJAPSA NEWS

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From the desk of the President of NJAPSA, Dr. Danielle A. Hamblin



What a great start to the school year! It is amazing to be present with students and staff, without the confines of masks, plexiglass, and social distancing. The sense of normalcy, the ability to focus on curriculum, instruction and best practices has been refreshing!

NJAPSA continues to fulfill its mission of providing quality professional development opportunity and mentorship for administrators and educators who serve students with disabilities. In addition, we have streamlined communication through migrating to a new and greatly improved email platform for the organization. The NJAPSA website includes the email addresses for the Executive Officers and we encourage any input to further our mission of moving from *good to great*!

Further, in an effort to avail support to the members of NJAPSA (and specifically to those who are participating in the New Directors' Cohort), we have launched the

[NJAPSA Front Porch Virtual Meetings](#). In this way, members across the state can join for the purpose of collaborating and offering thoughts, ideas, and support on topics relative to the world of special education leadership. If you would like to participate, reach out to the facilitator for the virtual link and log in any time during the timeframe noted. An NJAPSA Executive Board Member will facilitate conversation, and help troubleshoot challenges you are facing.

Front Porch Meetings

Date	Time	Facilitator/LogIn Information	Topic/Musings
Wednesday, 1/11/23	10:30 am - 11:30 am	LaCoyya Weathington Lweathington@chclc.org	
Wednesday, 2/15/23	7:30 am - 8:15 am	Paul Barbato drpbarbato@gmail.com	

We look forward to working together on behalf of *all* students. We have an amazing opportunity to nurture and support the unique talent that each child brings...let's continue to celebrate their individuality!

Danielle Hamblin



President Danielle Hamblin, Treasurer Suzan Radwan and Secretary Tania Symmons presented on the topic of *School Avoidance and Mental Health Challenges* at the National Association of Pupil Services Administrators (NAPSA) in Pittsburgh, NJ. The conference, held in October 2022 welcomed Pupil Service Administrators across the east coast.



Executive Board Members 2022-23: Left to Right: Dr. Suzan Radwan, Treasurer, Gary Molenaar, Past President, Marci Grabelle- Executive Director, Candie Hengemuhle- Communications Coordinator, Dr. Danielle Hamblin- President, Patricia Hovey-Past President, Maribel Martinez- Trustee, Dr. Frank Santora- Trustee, Pimmi Goomer- Trustee, Mitchell Badiner- Past President.

Missing in photo: Tania Symmons- Secretary, Dr. Paul Barbato-Immediate Past President, Greg Margolis-Past President, Dr. Howard Lerner-Past President, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter-Trustee, Dr. Gerry Crisonino- Trustee, Marilyn Mitchell, Trustee, Nelyda Perez- Trustee, LaCoyya Weathington-Trustee.

Executive Directors' Message

Marci L. Grabelle



Welcome back to the 2022-23 academic year. As NJAPSA enters our 52nd year we can truly say we successfully dealt with absolutely everything our world threw upon us these past 2 years. Through these obstacles we have grown as professionals and found out ...much to our surprise...that we can do absolutely ANYTHING to ensure our students and staff are provided with the tools to forge forward to meet success! Kudos to you all for passion and dedication to “our kids” during these most unprecedented times.

Dr. Theodore Kozlik, the pioneer of our organization, knew that as a strong organization we could endure anything together in the best interest of our students. Dr. Kozlik supported the concept of collaboration and through continued educational and professional development opportunities we can create an educational environment for our most vulnerable population to grow, learn and be successful citizens in society. Sadly, Dr. Kozlik passed away in 2017. Our Board is passionate in continuing Ted’s legacy. We celebrate him every year by awarding 6- \$1000 scholarships for graduating seniors who received special education services, have achieved successes over the 4 years in high school, and will be pursuing post-secondary opportunities. We thank Ted for his passion and love of our association.

The board also thanks all of you for your annual membership and participation in our cohort, advanced cohort, and professional development opportunities. We continue to expand with members that represent counties statewide. We welcome new board members from the southern part of our state to join our team.

The NJAPSA Executive Board members met at our annual retreat in June to plan for the 2022-23 academic year. We worked diligently to listen to your concerns and provide professional development opportunities for our members and fellow colleagues to assist you with your administrative duties. We organized our New Director’s and Advanced Cohort programs for the 2022-23 academic year. We are excited to provide our professional members, cohort and guests to our annual mini-conferences, Director’s Academy and special professional development opportunities that we have collaboratively arranged with NJPSA/FEA and NJASA. We hope you will enjoy our conference offerings and your continued membership with NJAPSA.

As always, your continued support for Ted’s vision and our mission is greatly appreciated. Wishing you all a happy and health holiday season...and wonderful year!

Marci L. Grabelle, MAT, MEd. Retired from public education in 2014. She served as the Vice Principal and Director of Special Services for Brielle Elementary School for 12 ½ years and retired as the Director for Hazlet Public Schools. She has been a member of NJAPSA since 2007 and served on the board from 2008 until the present and as the Co-Executive and Executive Director for the past 5 years. Follow NJAPSA on Twitter at: @njapsa.

Welcome to our Inducted Executive Officers



Candie Hengemule

Our NJAPSA Executive Board inducted our new **Communications Coordinator**, Candie Hengemuhle at our holiday meeting in December 2022. Candie has been an active Executive board member of NJAPSA for the past 9 years and a member of NJAPSA since 2011. Prior to retirement two years ago, Candie was the Director of Special Services in Warren Township. She was previously the Director in Highland Park and served as Interim Director in Oradell, Harrington Park and West Essex Regional. Candie has experience providing Art Therapy and Mental Health Counseling and launched her career in education as a School Psychologist in Nutley and Glen Ridge and then continuing in Livingston and Bridgewater-Raritan districts. She is currently a consultant for NJPSA on their Professional Development Team, a mentor for Leaders to Leaders, and the owner of Special Services Educational Consultant, LLC whereby she provides consulting and coaching throughout New Jersey. Since her induction as an Executive Officer she instituted a more efficient email system and she has been a wonderful asset on our website revisions. There isn't a thing Candie can't complete to perfection!! We are so fortunate to have Candie as a 'teammate' to ensure we get all pertinent information to our members in a timely and efficient manner. Welcome and thanks Candie for all your insight—you are a wonderful addition to our Executive team.



Dr. Suzan Radwan

We also welcomed to our Executive Officers, Dr. Suzan Radwan as NJAPSA's **Treasurer**. Dr. Radwan currently serves as the Director of Special Services for Hillsborough Township Public Schools in NJ. She oversees all facets of the school district's Department of Special Services & Nursing Services Department. Dr. Radwan has a passion for increasing inclusive education and has led the district in forming an inclusive track, cheer and soccer team. She works closely with child study teams, special educators and support staff to ensure the District's compliance with New Jersey's special education administrative code and is invested in increasing the mental health services available to students with disabilities in the school setting. Additionally, Dr. Radwan has expanded the transitional services available to high school students through the community-based instruction program during her tenure in Hillsborough.

We look forward to Dr. Radwan's addition as an Executive Officer. Her expertise and knowledge has already proven to be an asset to NJAPSA.

NJAPSA Communications Corner

By Candie Hengemuhle

NJAPSA is now using Google Workspace for our email and other forms of communication. You will continue to receive emails from njapsa.org however, the host is now through a Gmail account. Specifically, the emails may come from:

president@njapsa.org (Daniellehamblin@njapsa.org)
treasurer@njapsa.org (Suzanradwan@njapsa.org)
secretary@njapsa.org (Taniasymmons@njapsa.org)
executivedirector@njapsa.org (Marcigrabelle@njapsa.org)
communications@njapsa.org (Candiehengemuhle@njapsa.org)

It is important to make sure the njapsa.org email is not blocked by your school district's firewall in order to receive our notifications regarding membership, upcoming events and professional development opportunities.

Check our website, www.njapsa.org for upcoming events, general membership updates, scholarship information as well as the New and Advanced Directors Cohorts.

We welcome recommendations for future topics and potential presenters that could benefit our NJAPSA membership. If you have any recommendations or questions please feel free to email me at communications@njapas.org or candiehengemuhle@njapsa.org.

Schedule of 2022-23 Professional Development - Registration information will be posted on our [website](http://www.njapsa.org)

<u>Director's Toolkit</u> (NJAPSA & NJPSA/FEA)	Friday, November 18 2022 9 AM – 3 PM	NJPSA/FEA- Educational Conference Center Monroe, NJ	<u>Topic:</u> <i>Bringing It Back to Basics: Using Data to Enhance Programming and Services for Students with Disabilities</i>
<i>Director's Academy</i> _	Friday, January 13, 2023 9 AM- 3PM	Forsgate Country Club, Monroe, NJ	<u>Topic:</u> <i>"An Integrated Approach: Mental Health and Wellness in Schools" "Legal Updates and Current Topics in Special Education"</i>
<i>Mini Conference: Hot Legal Topics</i>	Friday, February 10, 2023 12 noon-3PM	Forsgate Country Club Monroe, NJ	<u>Topic:</u> <i>Update: Hot Legal Topics in Special Education</i>
<u>4th Annual I-SET Conference</u> (NJAPSA & NJPSA/FEA)	Wednesday March 22, 2023 AM – 3 PM	NJPSA/FEA- Educational Conference Center- Monroe, NJ	<u>Topic:</u> <i>Innovations in Special Education Technology Annual Conference</i>

NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference (SLC)	Wednesday, May 17-19 , 2023	Caesars in Atlantic City NJAPSA Luncheon 5/17/23 @ 11:30	Topic: <i>"Lifting Leadership- Knowledge, Relationships and Empowerment"</i>
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Professional Development in a Glance

Our **New Directors'** and **Advanced Cohort** programs have begun! Our New Directors met on October 7th for their first full day training. The **Advanced Cohort** meets on December 10th for their first session. If you are a new director or supervisor or know someone who is just starting out, please consider exploring the New Cohort Program for next year. Administrators must complete the New Directors' program before applying for the Advanced Cohort program. The applications can be found on our website at www.njpsa.org.

Our NJAPSA Committee member met with Peg MacDonald and John Worthington, NJPSA/FEA, to collaborate and plan for our annual **Special Education Director's Toolkit, Bringing it Back to Basics: Using Data to Enhance Programming and Services for Students with Disabilities**. November 18, 2022. This year a hybrid approach was offered to ensure more of our members could attend. Presentations included the following:

Keynote: Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education, NJDOE- Update
Legal Updates for Special Educators:

Moving forward NJAPSA is hoping to see you at the following upcoming workshops: On **January 13, 2023** we have our **Winter Academy- "An Integrated Approach: Mental Health and Wellness in Schools"** featuring *Alisha DeLorenzo and Nathanya Simon, Esq.-"Legal Updates and Current Topics in Special Education."*

On **February 10, 2023** *Vic LaPira, Esq (Fogarty & Hara, Esqs)* will be presenting to our members and guests on **Hot Legal Topics in Special Education** at the Forsgate Country Club from 12noon-3 pm.

On **Wednesday, March 22, 2023** we will be holding our **5th Annual Innovations with Special Education Technology Conference (I-SET)** in collaboration with NJASA and it will be held at the FEA Education Center

Our annual NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Conference will take place **at Caesar's in Atlantic City from May 17-19, 2023**. Registration for this conference can be found on the NJASA website at www.njasa.net. The **NJAPSA Annual Meeting** for all members will be held on **May 17, 2023 at Caesar's** at our annual luncheon. The luncheon flyer is attached to this newsletter.

2022-2023 New Directors' Cohort

We welcome our new Cohort with whom embrace the talents and skills of both aspiring and experienced professionals. We have twelve (12) New Cohort members comprising a full range of urban and suburban districts who geographically represent Bergen, Passaic, Essex, and Sussex, Monmouth, Ocean and Middlesex counties. The program meets for five full day conferences and they attend all of our PD opportunities for the year. Membership and a mentor are provided to all cohort members.



Cohort members for the 2022-23 School year:

Standing Left to Right: Dr. Gulay Maffia, Carla A. Perez, Marcia Stillo, Dr. Maura Tuite, Tiffany Goodson,
Jennifer Etzkorn

Seated Left to Right: Cindy Benitez, Roberto Mendez, Tara Beagelman, Jenna Esdale

Missing from Photo: New Directors' Cohort: Brian Belsky, M. Bonnie Lau

2022-23 New Director's Cohort Our New Director's Cohort meets five times per year. The cohort provides valuable professional development opportunities in a small group setting throughout the year, encouraging our members to ask questions and share concerns that arise daily in the world of a director. This special opportunity provides a wonderful collegial network to assist directors throughout their professional career. New Director Cohort applications are available for the 2022-23 school year on our website at www.njapsa.org. This year's Cohort calendar is as follows:

October 7, 2022: Orientation and Welcome- Training Topics: Getting Started a Director; Budget Development and Grant Writing

December 9, 2022: Evaluation, Supervision, Recruitment, and Retention; Using Technology: Applications for students and administrators.

January 6, 2023: Special Education Legal Issues and Hot Topics.

February 10, 2023: Special Education Procedures, Best Practices, Extraordinary Aid, IDEA, and the Monitoring Process.

April 28, 2023: Parent, School Board and Community Relations, and Using Data for Best Practice



Our first cohort meeting in October 2022 was a huge success. A few of our distinguished Executive Board members welcomed our new directors. We look forward to an exciting and informative year!

2022-2023 Advanced Cohort Program

The Advanced Cohort members are those Directors' who found the New Directors' Cohort helpful and beneficial as they enter the world of Special Education Administration. This year we have four (4) participants in the Advanced Program: **Dr. Adrienne Castorina- Sparta, Monica Heinze- Tenafly, Erin Madara- Caldwell-West Caldwell, and Jennifer Summerville-Medford**. These directors all completed the New Directors' Cohort in the past. Our NJAPSA board members navigate the Director's with more complex issues Director's face including budget concerns, discipline, staffing and working with the board of education.

The Advanced Cohort's first meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2022 at the Forsgate Country club. They are also scheduled to meet in January and February. Topics include funding, staffing, legal precedents and self-care. As Directors we are entrenched and involved in so many aspects of Education, not just Special Education that it is integral in our day to day functions to be sure to reach out to those with similar demands. The job can become isolating, wreaking havoc on our psyche and well-being. Directors are responsible for those most in need and reaching out to one another provides insight, support and guidance. Within the Advanced Cohort we have explored trends, brainstormed innovative interventions, and sometimes just offered much needed reassurance. The Advanced Cohort has been shaped by the participants and their individual needs. This makes the Cohort impactful in an individualized manner. To become a part of the Advanced Cohort or New Director's Cohort contact Marci Grabelle at executivedirector@najapsa.org.

***“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me
and I learn.”***

-Benjamin Franklin

NJPSA/FEA and NJASPA Special Education Directors' Toolkit Corner

The ***Annual Special Education Director's Toolkit*** was held in person as well as a virtual hybrid option on Friday, November 18, 2022. Peg MacDonald along with the Dr. Danielle Hamblin, President of NJAPSA, and the NJAPSA Executive Toolkit Committee planned a terrific conference entitled: ***Bringing it Back to Basics: Using Data to Enhance Programming and Services for Students with Disabilities.*** .

The following keynotes presented:

- Panel-- Alexandra Pensiero, Erice Reid and Chinwe Osondu presented; *Finding Value in the Public Performance Reports and Working Towards Improving Student Outcomes*,
- Maurice Ingram presented on *Developing a Comprehensive School Mental Health System(CSMHS) with a NJTSS Framework*,
- Dr. Jamie Zibulsky Director of school Psychology Training Programs met with our attendees during lunch to discuss the link between universities and public school systems and,
- Matt Korobkin and Brian Mistretta from Public Consulting Group (PCG) presented on *Leveraging Data Teams: Enhancing Data Culture in Special Education to Improve Student Outcomes*. Our attendees left with a plethora of information and strategies for our to take back to their districts.

For additional information please visit our website www.njapsa.org. If you have any suggestions for future professional development opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact Marci L. Grabelle, Executive Director at executivedirector@njapsa.org. It is our goal to provide relevant professional development and support for all our member.

Toolkit Corner Photo Gallery







Feature Article: "The State of SLD Identification in New Jersey"
by Nathanya Simon, Esq



WILL TIME BE ON YOUR SIDE

BY: NATHANYA G. SIMON, ESQ.

PARTNER AND SPECIAL EDUCATION CHAIR

SCARINCI HOLLENBECK, LLC

As if the timelines for compliance were not demanding enough, a recently decided Federal case has elaborated further on the need for tighter timelines for special education due process matters.

In the case of C. P. individually and on behalf of F.P , et als v. New Jersey Department of Education, et als, decided by the United States District Court of the District of New Jersey on August 19, 2022,(Civil Action No. 19-12807) an action was brought alleging that the dispute resolution system for special education cases in New Jersey violated the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The first issue decided by the Court was whether to certify the plaintiffs in the case as a class action. The evidence in support of the certification included the high number of cases that are transmitted each year to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for a hearing. However, the number of transmittals alone did not justify class certification. The Court noted the testimony of the prior Chief Administrative Law Judge where it was admitted that "some of our cases take too long to be decided and in that respect, we're not complying with the spirit (of the law)". Some statistics included that in 2013, "only 65.62% of cases were resolved in 90 days or less." Other more recent statistics were cited that further noted that the State's procedures and number of Judges were lacking. There was an acknowledgement of commonality of plaintiffs and typicality of plaintiffs, and the ability of the proposed counsel to provide "adequate representation" of the class. The final

consideration was that the plaintiffs were not seeking monetary damages but rather a change in the system of processing due process cases.

The Court noted that the issues of the case were: "how long NJDOE has been violating the 45-day rule, whether NJDOE made fraudulent misrepresentations, and whether the entire controversy doctrine per se bars later individual damages actions." The Court further stated that a class action of this nature would be a superior way to resolving these issues.

Lastly, the Court needed to determine that the members of the class were "ascertainable" and determined that the NJDOE and the OAL "should have administrative systems in place that would allow them to readily identify potential class members."

The Court concluded that class certification would be granted and the discovery should proceed on the merits.

The impact of this case has already been recognized by the DOE and the OAL, and it is likely there will be further changes to the trajectory of all future due process cases. The timelines that are embedded in the Federal and State statutes and regulations will be a factor in determining the underlying issue of what constitutes a free appropriate public education. It can be expected that there will be increased pressure upon litigants to proceed with hearings on cases once transmitted to the OAL. The practice of adjournments for various reasons, including the need for additional evaluations or discovery, are not likely to be granted without new firm dates set.

As Directors and Supervisors responsible for ensuring that the District can successfully defend the program, services and placement contained in the proposed IEP, it can be challenging to assemble all of the necessary documents and witness information within the tight timelines now, and will be even more so in the coming months and years. The burden of proof and going forward first is on the school district. Already, there is less tolerance for adjournments, and for hearings not to be scheduled during the long summer break, when the timelines are not abated. Therefore, ensuring ongoing compliance with the timelines, having the records of all students up to date, and communicating with your staff about the importance of meeting these timelines and accurately reporting the student's functioning will translate to successful litigation after the other options for resolution fail.

Nathanya Guritzky Simon, Esq., is school board representation in all legal, labor and special education matters. She is best known for her handling of special education matters. Routinely she is offered the opportunity to counsel New Jersey school board clients throughout the state on day-to-day matters through to complex special education litigation, when necessary. Ms. Simon represents clients at identification meetings, evaluation determinations, Individualized Education Plan ("IEP") meetings, in mediation, in Complaint Investigations, at due process administrative hearings held at the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL"), and in litigation appealed into the Federal Court and State courts. Ms. Simon, Esq has presented numerous times for NJAPSA events and her firm co-sponsors with NJAPSA the School Leadership Conference luncheon annually at the NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference.

NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference News

Please save the date below for next year! **NJASA/NJAPSA SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:**

Lifting Leadership: KNOWLEDGE*RELATIONSHIPS*EMPOWERMENT

*** May 17-19, 2023 * Caesar's Atlantic City Register at www.njasa.net Wednesday, May 17, 2023 NJAPSA Welcome Luncheon-Caesars, Atlantic City- info to follow**

Dr. Theodore Kozlik Scholarship

The New Jersey Association of Pupil Services Administrators' Association is sponsoring the **Dr. Theodore Kozlik Scholarship Program** for June 2023 graduates. Applicants must be classified as eligible for special education services, pursuing post-secondary education and sponsored by a NJAPSA member.

Dr. Theodore Kozlik dedicated his life to serving and supporting others, especially within the special education community on the local, state and national level.

His educational training and career spanned over 50 years beginning as a music teacher and moving into special education and the administration of a growing body of law, research, specialization and scholarly pragmatism that were Ted's hallmarks.

His mantra was that challenges were vanquished by hard work and that when things were at their worst you had to be at your best.

Ted was blessed with gifts that few demonstrate, always respecting the person and their humanity regardless of their social situation, challenges or differences.

Ted seemed to always find a way to support those who worked hard by making sure professionals and students had the tools they needed to stay on the path of continuous improvement. He was dedicated to meaningful professional development, appropriate researched based materials, and equipment for programs he oversaw.

Ted also embraced the notion of educating the "Whole Child." He understood that curriculum needed to integrate academic learning, emotional and physical health and the ability to be as independent and responsible as possible upon graduation.

In addition to high academic standards, Ted also valued working with your hands; building, gardening and cooking for example and along with this, personalities that marched to a different drummer and did not "run with the herd."

The **Dr. Theodore Kozlik Scholarship Program** honors Ted's lifetime work as a leader of leaders and ensure that the values he embraced will go forward with those who will live in a future that does not yet exist. **ONLY NJAPSA MEMBERS MAY SPONSOR APPLICANTS.**

Six (6) - \$1,000.00 Scholarships; Two (2) per each, Northern, Central and Southern Regions will be awarded by the NJAPSA Scholarship Committee.

Students should demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Motivation to succeed academically
- Participation in school and extracurricular activities
- Community Service including volunteerism
- Employment experiences
- Self-Directed
- Leadership skills

All Candidates must graduate by **June 2023**. These scholarships may be used for any aspect of a post-secondary program, including 2 or 4 year colleges, technical/trade schools, business schools, fine art institutes or other recognized post-secondary institutions.

The applications are due by **April 14, 2023**. Please send all completed applications to: Marci Grabelle at executivedirector@njapsa.org- Please write in the Subject: ***"NJAPSA Scholarship."***

Dr. Theodore Kozlik Memorial Scholarship Recipients 2022

The New Jersey Association of Pupil Services Administrators sponsors the Dr. Theodore Kozlik Scholarship Program for high school seniors with disabilities, eligible for special education services and are pursuing post-secondary education. The student must be sponsored by a NJAPSA member.

Six students received the prestigious Theodore Kozlik Memorial Scholarship award which recognizes students who demonstrate perseverance and dedication in their academic and social endeavors as well as their pursuit of post-secondary opportunities. The program offered six \$1000.00 scholarships to students representing the North, Central and Southern parts of the state.

Congratulations to the 2022 winning applicants from the following schools:

Westfield High School

Emerson High School

Morris Knolls High School

Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Burlington County Institute of Technology

Hillsborough High School.

Scholarship applications for students graduating in June 2023 will be available on www.njapsa.org on or before January 15, 2023.





NJAPSA Presents: Winter Academy Conference for Directors, Supervisors, CST, and School Administrators

An Integrated Approach: Mental Health & Wellness in Schools

Alisha De Lorenzo, MS, LPC, SAC

Alisha De Lorenzo MS, LPC, SAC helps schools, communities and organizations cultivate cultures of connection, belonging and well-being so that all people are seen, heard, valued and live to their full potential. Now, more than ever we need to prioritize the well-being of adults and youth in schools in order to experience the collective healing of our communities. Participants will leave with a frame to view the mental health challenges they face and ways to increase equity for all individuals through an integrated, healing centered approach.

Legal Updates and Current Topics in Special Education

Nathanya G. Simon, Esq.

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DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

COST: \$149 Member*

TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$199 Guests

**Membership rate applies if at least 1 person in a district belongs to NJAPSA. NJAPSA registered districts sending 3 or more staff members will be offered the MEMBER RATE for ALL participants. 5 or more discounted further.*

Forsgate Country Club, 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe, NJ

Light breakfast items and Lunch Provided

For further information or groups of 5 or more, call 908-832-9400 or contact marcigrabelle@njapsa.org

Registration: Email this form to: marcigrabelle@njapsa.org (preferred)

Or return to:

NJAPSA , PO Box 2012, Westfield, NJ 07091

Please register by January 9 , 2023

Name: _____ Title: _____

District: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Important: EMAIL all registration forms to marcigrabelle@njapsa.org with scanned purchase order. If paying by check or your district requires a purchase order to be mailed, email this registration form and indicate a

P.O. or check is being mailed. ***Include a copy of your emailed registration with the mailed check or PO.***

_____ \$149 for members - Purchase order or check is _____ attached **or** _____ will be mailed (check one)

_____ \$199 for non-member - Purchase order or check _____ attached **or** _____ will be mailed (check one)

Registration will be confirmed by email



**An informative presentation on
NJ Special Education:
“Hot Legal Topics During COVID-19”**

Keynote:

Vic LaPira, Esq. * Fogarty & Hara, Esqs. *

FRIDAY, February 10, 2023

12:00-3:00 pm

Forsgate Country Club, Monroe, NJ

\$25 Members

\$35 Non-Members

**In the event of inclement weather or COVID concerns this event will be moved to a virtual presentation.*

Please register by *Friday, February 3, 2023*

For further information, call 908-832-9400 or contact marcigrabelle@njapsa.org

Registration Form - Detach and Return to:

N J A P S A, PO Box 2012, Westfield, NJ 07091

(Confirmation for 02/10/23 presentation by email only and if moved to virtual a link will be sent to participants)

Name: _____ Title: _____

District: _____ \$25 Member

Email: _____ \$35 Non Member

Cell #: _____

Save the Date!

NJAPSA and NJPSA/FEA PRESENT:

5th Annual Innovations in Special Education Technology (I-SET) Conference

“Getting the Most out of What You Have:

A Practical Session of Hands-On Work”

****Tools to bring back to district****

Keynotes: Mark Surabian, Dr. Brian Friedlander

Conference Speakers: Mike Marotta, ATP, Richard West Assistive Technology Center; Dr. Tracey Amerman, Dr. Chris Shamburg, and New Jersey City University's Educational Technology Department; Dr. Patricia Holtzman, A. Harry Moore Laboratory School and alumni and candidates from the Educational Technology Leadership Doctoral Program, NJCU, Farah Rosenthal, Technology Specialist

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

9:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NJAPSA and NJPSA Members and Non-Members: \$149 Non-Members: \$149

Location: NJPSA, 12 Centre Drive, Monroe, NJ and Online

Light breakfast and Lunch Provided

For further information, contact Marci Grabelle at 908-832-9400 or marcigrabelle@njapsa.org or Peggy McDonald at pmcdonald@njpsa.org

Registration information coming soon in the NJPSA/FEA Spring 2023 Flipbook at njpsa.org

NJAPSA I-SET Conference 2023

Meet the Presenters

Keynote Speaker



Mark Surabian, Assistive Technology Practitioner

Mark Surabian has utilized assistive and instructional technologies to serve the educational and vocational needs of thousands of individuals with disabilities for over 30 years, across five states, in both private and public school systems, residential and work facilities, and within home-based learning programs. He created and presently operates *ATHelp*, a free assistive technology support program at the JCC in Manhattan, where he has offered support to over 3000 children and adults with communication, vision, learning, and physical challenges. His new program, *ATTrain* now provides free AT training to professionals at schools and agencies across the greater NYC area. As an Assistive Technology Consultant he has provided services to the NYC Department of Education, NYS ACCES-VR, and to 100+ public, private, and charter schools, addressing the curriculum and participation needs of students and training/support for professionals.

He is an instructor on assistive technologies at NYU's Doctoral Program in Occupational Therapy and in the graduate schools of education at Pace University, Bank Street College, and St. Joseph's College of Brooklyn. He has provided lecture series for agencies such as The Everyone Reading Assn., The NYC Special Education Collaborative, and The Teachers College Inclusive Classrooms Project, and presented at most national AT/IT/Ed conferences such as ISTE, ATIA, CTG, AERA, and ATCNE. He volunteers his technical expertise to disability advocacy groups such as The Cooper Hewitt Museum Accessibility Advisory Committee, The UNICEF Innovation Fund, The National MS Society, Advocates for Children, Parents for Inclusive Education, and the ARISE Coalition. He has also collaborated on research projects around the use of AT for learning, communication, and accessibility. His website is ATHelp.org and he can be reached by email athelp@me.com, Twitter @[MarkSurabian](https://twitter.com/MarkSurabian) or through LinkedIn [Mark Surabian](https://www.linkedin.com/in/MarkSurabian).



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