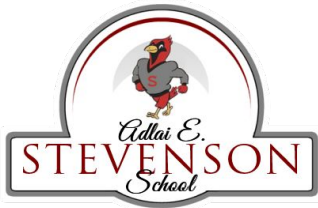


**Back to School Night**  
**September 10, 2025**



# Welcome!

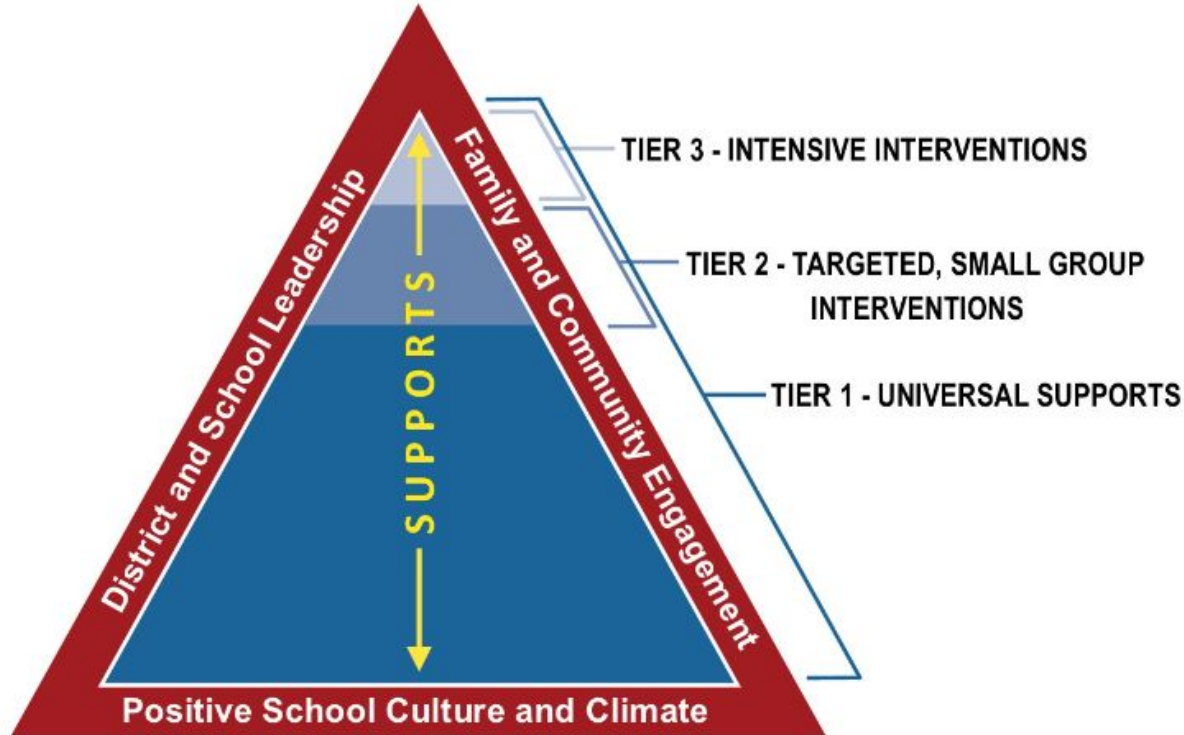
## **Ryan Gupta, Principal/Superintendent**

- Prioritize the safety and well-being of all students.
- Maximize student growth (social, emotional, academic)
  - Following directions, putting forth maximum effort, persevering, cooperating, compromising, respecting others, building positive habits/routines...
- [Our Kindergarten students last week](#)
- Pick-up/Drop-Off; Playground update; 9/11 Day

## **My Team**

- Katie Prall, District Reading Specialist
- Katie Vagell, School Counselor
- Meghan Cafone, Director of Special Services, Anti-Bullying Coordinator
- Amazing faculty and staff!

# Stevenson's Support System



**NJTSS**  
and  
**I&RS**

Katie Prall  
Reading Specialist

# What is NJTSS??

**NJTSS is a framework of academic and behavioral supports and interventions to improve student achievement, based on the core components of multi-tiered systems of supports (MTSS) and the three-tier prevention logic of Response to Intervention (RTI). With a foundation of strong district and school leadership, a positive school culture and climate, and family and community engagement, NJTSS builds upon intervention and referral services (I&RS) and gives schools a structure to meet the academic, behavioral, health, enrichment, and social-emotional needs of all students.**

# What does NJTSS look like at Stevenson?

For successful NJTSS programming we rely on:

- Benchmark assessments for all students three times a year.
- Identify and support students, as identified from the assessment data.
- Regular progress monitoring
- Meetings with the I&RS team, teachers, and parents if/when needed.

RESOURCES to support growth



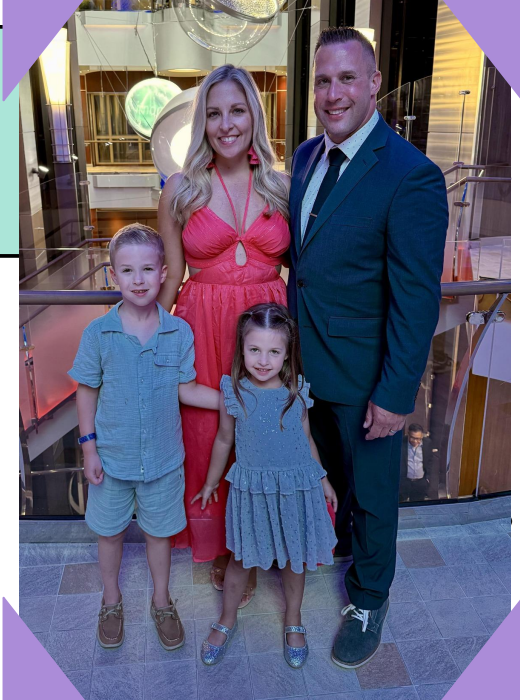
# **Meet THE SCHOOL counselor**

Mrs. Katie Vagell, M.Ed.

# ABOUT me



- 14 years as counselor in EH & 3 years in DelCo, PA
- Bloomsburg; BA in psych & Penn State; M.Ed. in counseling
- Live in Hanover Township
- Country music, coffee, beaches and state parks, being with family & friends, horror movies, Halloween & Christmas, crafts and art, baking, reading, decorating, sushi, Hawaii, the color lavender, concerts & Broadway, Disney World and helping our little students with their big feelings!



# A SNAPSHOT OF HOW I SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS



Indiv/Group/Check-ins

Partner with Teachers & Parents

Bird Houses: School Wide PBIS

504 Coordinator

SEL Lessons

Anti-Bullying Specialist

# HOW & 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.

## FEELINGS



happy



frustrated



excited



angry



silly



tired



sad



scared



proud



embarrassed



confused



worried



annoyed



shy



disappointed



loved

# CONTACT me

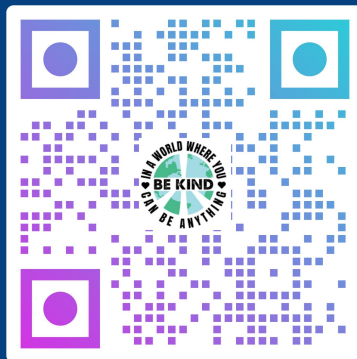


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# Resources



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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](mailto:fairfieldsepag@gmail.com)

# Upcoming Events

- SEPAG is Partnering with the Municipal Alliance for their Movie Night September 13th at 7pm
- Parent IEP Workshop - October 1st @ 5T 7pm
- Round Table - October 28th @ 5T 7 pm
- Speaker Ira Hays- Jan 12th
  - Ira Hays, LCSW is a therapist, educator, and consultant specializing in the treatment of anxiety disorders, OCD, school phobia, and related challenges through evidence-based approaches such as Exposure and Response





# ***THANK YOU***

- **Home and School Association (HSA)**
- **Fairfield Education Foundation (FEF)**
- **Fairfield Municipal Alliance**
- **Local business and community members**
- **Fairfield Board of Education**

**Unwavering support and commitment to the students and staff of Fairfield Public Schools.**