

Fairfax County Special Education PTA

Official Statement on Restraint & Seclusion in FCPS



The Board of the Fairfax County Special Education PTA (SEPTA) is currently working with FCPS leadership and the Fairfax County Council of PTAs (FCCPTA) to address our communities' concerns regarding the lack of reporting and appropriate use of restraint and seclusion in Fairfax County Public Schools that was reported by NPR on Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

We encourage you to reach out to us if you have specific questions or experiences you would like to share regarding the practices of restraint and seclusion in FCPS. It is our job to represent the interests of our membership and we want to hear from you. Please contact President@FairfaxCountySEPTA.org

As always, we encourage our members and other disability stakeholders, including students, to communicate their concerns to the FCPS School Board. The next meeting of the School Board is this Thursday, March 21. Click [HERE](#) to register to speak. To register in advance you must tie your comments to one of the topics listed on the School Board meeting agenda, but that is a formality and SB members have encouraged parents to speak out regardless of topic. Another option is to show up at 6:30 and sign up "same-day", which will allow you to speak on any issue without tying it to the agenda. Please note: There are only 10 citizen participation slots open at each meeting, and same-day sign ups are only available if less than 10 people sign up prior to the advance sign-ups closing.