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**OCEAN COUNTY COUNCIL PTA
SPECIAL EDUCATION/GIFTED AND TALENTED
COMMITTEE**

My name is Candy Fredericks and I am the Ocean County Council PTA Special Education/Gifted and Talented Chairman. I would like to stress how important it is to have a Special Education/Gifted and Talented chairman on your local PTA.

There is a lot of information out for the parents of special needs children and PTA has to pass it onto them. There are important web sites, legislation as well as local support groups for them.

It is the PTA's job to inform all parents on important issues for our children so please don't forget our special needs parents.

*This year I will be trying to get all PTAs to have a Special Education chairman or even better start a **Special Education PTA (SEPTA)** in each school district in Ocean County. Four years ago Brick Township started a Special Education PTA, and it is a district wide PTA, and in the past four years they came a long way. They have different groups come in and give programs for the parents of special needs children, they hold special events for the children who would not be able to attend functions which their regular PTA has for the children. They have outings for their special needs children and their parents so they could do things as a family. It is such a rewarding feeling to see their **SPECIAL** children enjoy themselves just like typical children.*

*Congratulation to **Southern Regional Special Education PTA** who is our **second SEPTA** in Ocean County. In the near future we are hoping to add a **third SEPTA** in Ocean County.*

*This year Ocean County Council PTA has started the **Ocean/Monmouth Challenger Sports League**. On Sunday, September 14 is the first week of games. This will be for our special needs students in Ocean and Monmouth Counties. For more information on this please go to the following website www.highschoolchallengerleague.com.*

*If anyone would like information about starting a **SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA** or committee please feel free to call me at 732-408-7376 or email me at johnjoncandi@aol.com.*

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Special Education/Gifted & Talented Chairman**