

2018 – 2019

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

www.westfieldnj12.org/apps/pages/specialedparents

The Special Education Committee, nicknamed "Special Ed Parents," is a sub-committee of the Westfield Parent-Teacher Council (PTC). We are dedicated to bridging the gap between special and general education. We act as an information resource, a support network, and a watchdog on local issues for parents of classified children and other concerned individuals. We also advise the Westfield Board of Education on Special Ed matters.

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- **Evening Presentations** – An Education/Information Resource for parents/teachers, meeting at Edison School starting at 7PM (Optional Support Group) & 7:30PM (Presentation). This year's meetings are on **Sept. 26, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 (College Night), 2018, and Jan. 16, 2019.**
- **Annual Awareness Expo** – Multiple workshops presented by members of the professional community. This year's Expo is scheduled for **Wed., March 13, 2019.**
- **Katherine E. Cuthbertson & Kathryn Brennan Memorial Scholarships** – Awarded each year to eligible Westfield High School graduating seniors.

The **Katherine E. Cuthbertson Achievement Award** was established in memory of ten-year-old Katie Cuthbertson, a Westfield resident and one of the first students to pioneer inclusive education in the state of New Jersey. Although she faced many challenges – blindness and neurological problems – Katie attended McKinley Elementary School before she passed away in 1991. **The Kathryn Brennan Memorial Fund** was established in the memory of Ms. Brennan, who dedicated over 40 years to Westfield's youngest special needs children. Each year, the Committee honors both Katie's "pioneering spirit" and Kathryn's energy, creativity and unwavering dedication by granting monetary achievement awards to eligible Westfield High School seniors.

**Please Help Support these Funds by Making a Tax-Deductible Donation* to either
The Katherine E. Cuthbertson or Kathryn Brennan Memorial Fund.**

Please accept my donation in the amount of: \$_____ .00 in the name of:

Katherine E. Cuthbertson Achievement Award

Kathryn Brennan Memorial Fund

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

**If your company has a Matching Program, we may be eligible to participate.*

Make checks payable to: PTC-Special Education

Drop at your school's PTO Box, or mail to:

PTC-Special Education, 801 Grant Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!