

# FIVE FAST FACTS FOR FRIDAY

## New Jersey's Special Education Ombudsman

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- The role of the Special Education Ombudsman is to serve as a resource to provide information and support to parents, students and educators regarding special education rights and services.
- Appointed by the Commissioner of Education, the ombudsman performs duties that include serving as a source of information for parents, students, educators and interested members of the public that helps them better understand state and federal laws and regulations governing special education.
- The ombudsman also provides information and support to parents of students with disabilities to help them understand and navigate the process for obtaining special education evaluations and services.
- The Special Education Ombudsman will treat communication received in the course of his or her duties as confidential.
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