## **POLICY**

## PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## 4152 FREEZING OR REDUCING WAGES

The Board of Education recognizes that any advancement on a salary schedule, including annual increments and raises, is not automatic but rests within the discretion of the Board.

Advancement on any salary schedule shall require favorable reports covering the employee's competence and thoroughness in the performance of assigned duties as well as the employee's record of attendance and compliance with district regulations.

The Superintendent shall base a recommendation for wage freeze or reduction on evaluations of the employee's performance and conduct. The Superintendent must also show to the satisfaction of the Board that the standards by which an employee has been evaluated are not exceptional or unusual and are expected of all employees in a similar classification.

Prior to voting on a recommendation to freeze or reduce wages, the Board will offer the employee the opportunity to address the Board in an informal hearing.

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