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MEMBERS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

15-person committee includes representatives of various stakeholder groups including parents and teachers

PATERSON – With individuals representing various local stakeholder groups, the Paterson Schools Superintendent Search Committee members were announced today. The committee's 15 members include representatives of parents, teachers, educational administrators, as well as members of the local houses of worship.

"We are very pleased to make known the 15 volunteers who are giving their insights and expertise to the search for Paterson Public Schools superintendent," said Search Committee Chair and Board of Education Vice President Nakima Redmon. "The committee members represent a diverse cross-section of the different parts of the Paterson community, and we are dedicated to choosing the right leader for the next era of Paterson Public Schools based on what we heard in the recent focus groups. We will keep the people of Paterson, especially those with children enrolled in the district, informed of our progress in the weeks ahead."

The members of the Superintendent Search Committee are working in cooperation with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, a firm that was retained by the Paterson Board of Education to assist in the search for superintendent candidates. Earlier this month, the firm collected data from parents, members of the Paterson community, and staff through an online survey and a series of focus groups. These efforts solicited people's feedback on the state of the district today, as well as what qualities were most desirable in a new superintendent. The responses were compiled in a Leadership Profile Report and a list of desired characteristics. Those documents are available at the following links:

<u>Leadership Profile Report</u>

<u>Desired Successor Superintendent Characteristics</u>

Superintendent Search Committee Members

Nakima Redmon, Chair Vice President Paterson Board of Education

Dr. Jonathan Hodges Commissioner Paterson Board of Education

Dania Martinez Commissioner Paterson Board of Education Together We Can

Manuel Martinez, Jr. Commissioner Paterson Board of Education

Assad Akhter Former Commissioner Passaic County Board of Commissioners

Rev. Kenneth Clayton **Pastor** St. Luke's Baptist Church

Miguel Diaz Community member

Grace Giglio Principal Norman S. Weir School President Paterson Principals Association

Rosie Grant **Executive Director** Paterson Education Fund

Rev. Kathy Kuykendall **Pastor** Agape Christian Ministries Church

Rev. Dr. Randall Lassiter **Pastor** Calvary Baptist Church

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Paterson City Council member
Former Commissioner
Paterson Board of Education

Todd Pipkin Teacher Representative Eastside High School

Joel Ramirez
Director
Paterson Division of Health
Former Commissioner
Paterson Board of Education

Gamaliel Soriano President Parent Teacher Organization