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## **DISTRICT, BOARD OF EDUCATION SEEK PARENTS' PERSPECTIVES TO AID SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

*Online survey to be open through the next week  
Online community forum scheduled for Thursday evening*

PATERSON – District officials and Board of Education Commissioners are seeking the input of parents and other stakeholders to aid in the search for the district's next superintendent of schools.

An online survey is currently being conducted by Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, a firm that was retained by the Paterson Board of Education on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to assist in the search for candidates to be the next superintendent. The brief questionnaire asks parents for their opinions on the state of the district today, and the qualities that the next superintendent should possess. The survey will remain open until Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, and can be accessed at the district's website at [paterson.k12.nj.us](https://survey2.ecragroup.com/index.php/194288?lang=en) and at the following link:

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Parents will also have an opportunity to express their views in an online community forum scheduled for Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at [pps.eduvision.tv/LiveEvents](https://pps.eduvision.tv/LiveEvents). The forum will be led by representatives from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates.

"This is the first time the decision of who will lead the district will be made by the Paterson Board of Education since local control of the district was restored in January 2021. It is critical that we have input from parents and other stakeholders as we make that decision," said Board Vice President Nakima Redmon, who chairs the board's Superintendent Search Committee. "The district has made amazing improvements to students' learning opportunities and experiences, even in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. We want to hear from parents and community members their thoughts on how the next superintendent should build on the momentum that has been established."

The improvements Redmon cited included the closing of the digital divide by providing every student with a Chromebook and access to the internet at home, increased opportunities for students to earn college credit before graduating high school, and establishing 10 Full Service Community Schools to help serve the needs of entire families.

Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer will continue serving the district until June 30, 2023.

"It has always been one of our best practices to seek the input of Paterson stakeholders, especially parents, when planning the future of the district," Shafer said. "I encourage our students' parents to participate in this very important process by responding to the survey and virtually attending Thursday's online forum."