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**PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RESUME IN-PERSON MEETINGS**

*November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to be held at the Joseph A. Taub Middle School*

PATERSON – After a long hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Paterson Board of Education will resume holding meetings in person as of November 2nd.

“We have been looking forward to taking this significant step toward greater normalcy, and we are glad that the current local conditions allow us to safely gather for in-person meetings of the Board of Education,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer. “As with all of the district’s current operations, we will switch to remote meetings if local and state public health officials require it. But we hope that we will be able to hold in-person meetings and other events for a long, long time.”

“The decisions and processes of the Board of Education require the input and the participation of the families served by Paterson Public Schools. That is why we are very glad to return to in-person board meetings and help encourage public involvement,” said Board of Education President Kenneth Simmons. “Sometimes we saw greater attendance in our virtual meetings than in many of our in-person meetings before the pandemic. It is our hope that people will continue to stay engaged with us as we do everything we can to meet the needs of our students and their families.”

The first in-person Board of Education meeting since the pandemic is scheduled to be at 6:00 p.m. at the Joseph A. Taub Middle School, 202 Union Ave.

Board meetings will continue to be live-streamed at [pps.eduvision.tv/liveevents](https://pps.eduvision.tv/liveevents). Members of the public who want to comment during the public portion of the meetings will be required to attend the meeting in person and sign up to speak when they arrive at the meeting.

For a schedule of upcoming Board of Education meetings and other information pertaining to the board, please visit, <https://www.paterson.k12.nj.us/domain/16>.

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