PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION FORM

1. All Board resolutions must clearly state how that program/initiative relates to or is specifically connected to the Priorities and Goals contained in the Strategic Plan.
2. This resolution must be in the Superintendent's office according to cutoff date before the meeting of the Board of Education.

Recommendation/Resolution: **Extension of the Paterson – A Promising Tomorrow 2019-2024 Strategic Plan to December 31, 2024.**

WHEREAS, the Paterson – A Promising Tomorrow 2019-2024 Strategic Plan focuses on priorities, goals and a vision that will enable the district to continue its forward momentum; and

WHEREAS, each priority will have measurable goals and numerous school improvement strategies; and

WHEREAS, these priorities, goals and strategies are intended to create an aligned instructional system to build capacity among teachers and principals, implement the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, provide high impact interventions for low performing students, create a strong district-level support system, and involve parents and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Paterson – A Promising Tomorrow 2019-2024 Strategic Plan is aligned to the District's vision of being a leader of 21st Century innovation where students develop habits of lifelong learning and excel academically to become future ready leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Paterson – A Promising Tomorrow 2019-2024 Strategic Plan has been developed and compiled by the New Jersey School Boards Association with the input of approximately 275 community stakeholders, parents, students, staff and Board of Education members; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan consists of:

- Goal Area #1 – Teaching & Learning: To create a student-centered learning environment to prepare students for career, college readiness and lifelong learning.
- Goal Area #2 – Facilities: To enhance and maximize learning opportunities provided by first-class facilities and technological improvements that prepare students for 21st century learning.
- Goal Area #3 – Communications & Connections: To establish and grow viable partnerships with parents, educational institutions and community organizations to support Paterson Public Schools educational programs, advance student achievement and enhance communication.
- Goal Area #4 – Social/Emotional Learning: Build the capacity of all stakeholders to address the social and emotional needs of students and staff through professional development, instruction and support services.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education adopted the Paterson – A Promising Tomorrow Strategic Plan 2019-2024, on June 19, 2019, which sunsets on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic resulted in the loss of several years of implementation of the Paterson – A Promising Tomorrow 2019-2024 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, District administration has held several meetings with representatives from the New Jersey School Boards Association since January of 2024 to evaluate the Paterson – A Promising Tomorrow 2019-2024 Strategic Plan for a long-term extension; and

WHEREAS, the District and Board of Education continues to work with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) to identify initiatives for short and long-term District improvement in the areas of student achievement, human resource services, family and community engagement, and operations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the temporary extension of the Paterson – A Promising Tomorrow 2019-2024 Strategic Plan through December 31, 2024, to complete development of the new Strategic Plan with the Board of Education and Hazzard, Young, Attea & Associates, and allowing sufficient time to incorporate the results of the work being done by HYA.

APPROVALS REQUIRED

1. Submitted by Dr. Laurie W. Newell, Superintendent of Schools (Name, Title) — August 19, 2024 (Date)

2. Approval by Divisional Administrator _____ (Superintendent, Deputy, Assistant Superintendent, or Business Administrator, etc.) — _____ (Date)

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3. Verification by Legal Department _____ — _____ (Date)

Funds Available		Funds Not Available		Funds Not Needed		Non-Budget Item	X

Account No. _____

4. Certification of Funds – Business Administrator _____ (Signature) — _____ (Date)

5. Approval by Superintendent Laurie W. Newell — 8/19/24 (Date)

6. Board Adoption Date August 21, 2024 — Resolution Number G-111

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