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CLASS OF 2026 CELEBRATED AT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES



Paterson Public Schools proudly celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 during its high school graduation ceremonies held on Friday, June 26, at Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson, NJ. Families, educators, and community members gathered to honor the district's graduates as they marked this important milestone.

The ceremonies recognized students from Eastside High School, International High School, John F. Kennedy High School, Newcomers High School, Paterson P-Tech High School, Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts, STARS/T.I.E.S. Academy, and Paterson STEAM High School. This year marked the first graduating class from Newcomers High School, whose students have established a foundation that will inspire future generations of learners, while Eastside High School celebrated its 100th graduating class, celebrating a century-long legacy of excellence that continues to shape the future.

To read the press release, please visit our [website](#).



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!



Greetings Paterson Public Schools Community,

As we close the 2025–2026 school year, I would first like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Paterson Public Schools Class of 2026. Our graduates crossed the field on Friday, June 26, marking an important milestone in their educational journey. This accomplishment reflects years of hard work, perseverance, and determination, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. On behalf of the entire Paterson Public School District, I wish our graduates continued success as they pursue their dreams and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.



I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to each of our dedicated staff members for your service. Your commitment to learning, collaboration, and supporting one another has strengthened our schools and created opportunities for every student to thrive. Together, we have celebrated achievements both inside and outside the classroom, and I am grateful for the dedication that each member of our school community brings every day.

As we begin the summer months, I encourage everyone to take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments with family and friends. Have a safe and enjoyable summer, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another outstanding school year!

Sincerely,

Laurie W. Newell, PhD
Superintendent of Schools



For complete coverage of the 2026 high school graduation ceremonies, including a photo gallery and video recordings of the ceremonies, please visit [our website](#).

PPS IN THE NEWS

PART 1: Paterson Public Schools Celebrates Class of 2026 as Student Speakers Reflect on Resilience and New Beginnings

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Part 2: ‘Your Voices and Actions Matter’: Paterson Celebrates Class of 2026 Graduates

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PRESS RELEASES

Paterson Public Schools Celebrates the Class of 2026 at High School Graduation Ceremonies

June 26, 2026

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES AND READING THE PULSE!

Thank you for sharing your stories and reading The Pulse throughout the 2025–2026 school year. We appreciate your continued support and interest as we share success stories, accomplishments, and important updates that highlight the outstanding work taking place across our district.

As a reminder, previous issues of The Pulse are always available on the [Communications Hub](#) on the district website, where you can revisit your favorite stories and stay connected with district news.

The Pulse will return in late August as we kick off the 2026–2027 school year. Until then, have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer!

Did you know?

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MONTHLY CALENDAR REMINDERS

July 3. Independence Day Observed - District Closed
July 6. Summer School Begins
July 10, 17, 24, 31 District Closed - Summer Hours
August 7, 14. District Closed - Summer Hours

[Full 2026-2027 District Calendar Here](#)

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

A **Board of Education Workshop Meeting** will take place virtually on Wednesday, August 12th. Those wishing to provide public comments are required to register for the meeting.
The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 PM.

The **Board of Education Regular Meeting** will take place virtually on Wednesday, August 19th. Those wishing to provide public comments are required to register for the meeting.
The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 PM.

Online language interpretation is available for all pre-recorded Board meetings in Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, and Turkish. Simply select your preferred language at pps.eduvision.tv/LiveEvents.

Paterson Board of Education: President Joel D. Ramirez, Vice President Della McCall, Commissioner Valerie Freeman, Commissioner Alex Mendez, Jr., Commissioner Hector L. Nieves, Jr., Commissioner Mohammed H. Rashid, Commissioner Kenneth Rosado, Commissioner Kenneth L. Simmons, Commissioner Corey L. Teague

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