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Paterson Public Schools to Host Middle School Cohorts Transition Forum

District encourages all interested community members to attend

Paterson, NJ (May 1, 2026) – Paterson Public Schools, in partnership with the Paterson Education Fund (PEF), invites families, staff, and community members to a Community Forum/Information Session focused on the district’s Long-Range Facilities Plan and the continued implementation of the Middle School Cohorts.

The forum will take place at School 18, located at 51 East 18th Street, Paterson, NJ, on Tuesday, May 19, at 5:30 PM. This session will provide the community with additional information on the upcoming changes, including information regarding school configurations and what families can expect next school year.

Participants attending in-person will have the opportunity to ask questions. To ensure accessibility for all stakeholders, the district is offering both in-person and virtual viewing options. To join virtually, click [here](#).

Paterson Public Schools, together with the Paterson Education Fund, remains committed to supporting students, families, and staff throughout this transition and values community engagement as an essential part of the process. The district encourages all interested community members to attend.

For more information about the Redistricting of Elementary Schools visit the district’s website at www.paterson.k12.nj.us/parents

About Paterson Public Schools

Paterson Public Schools serves over 22,000 students from pre-K to 12th grade in New Jersey’s third-largest city. About 71% of the student population is Hispanic, 16% are Black, 6% are Asian, and 5.0% are Caucasian. Recognizing its proud traditions, diverse community, and strong partnerships, the mission of Paterson Public Schools is to provide an academically rigorous, safe, and nurturing educational environment that meets the social, emotional, and academic needs of all students. The district is committed to preparing students for post-secondary education and careers. Despite the Paterson community being classified as low-income, many of its students achieve high academic success. A growing number of elementary school students are reading at or above grade level, and more high school students are earning college credits through Advanced Placement exams and enrolling in college-level courses before graduation. Paterson Public Schools is

distinguished as one of only 17 school districts in New Jersey to offer the competitive International Baccalaureate program and is among just four districts with a P-TECH high school. In collaboration with IBM and Passaic County Community College, the P-TECH program allows students to graduate with an associate degree in applied science and valuable tech sector experience. For more information, visit www.paterson.k12.nj.us

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