



# THE PULSE

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PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 

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Greetings Paterson Public Schools Community,

Helping our students succeed academically extends beyond the classroom. At Paterson Public Schools, we are committed to providing students with the tools and support they need to strengthen their skills, build confidence, and reach their academic goals.

I want to remind our families of the free academic resources available to students through their ClassLink Launchpad. These programs are designed to reinforce classroom instruction and provide additional practice in reading, writing, mathematics, and other subjects. Depending on their grade level and courses, students can access personalized learning activities and live tutoring to receive extra help with homework and assignments. For example, Tutor.com connects students with tutors who can provide support with questions, assignments, and challenging concepts.



I encourage parents and guardians to explore these resources with their children and make them part of their regular learning routines at home. Whether it's spending a few extra minutes practicing reading, strengthening math skills, or seeking help with a challenging assignment, these tools can make a meaningful difference in a student's academic progress.

These resources are available at no cost to families, and I encourage all eligible students to take full advantage of them. By working together, we can help our students develop strong learning habits and continue making progress throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Laurie W. Newell, PhD  
Superintendent of Schools

## FREE ACADEMIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT LEARNING

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| <br>AMIRA        | Grade Levels: 3rd - 5th grade<br>Recommended Usage: At least 3 stories a week; approx 15 minutes each story                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <br>SUCCESSMAKER | Grade Levels: 2nd - 8th grade<br>*students in 8th grade taking Algebra I will not have access to this resource<br>Recommended Usage: At least 3 times a week for 20 minutes each time                                                                                                                               |
| <br>BEABLE       | Grade Levels: 6th - 12th grade<br>Recommended Usage: At least 4 completed lessons per week; two in ELA and two in Social Studies                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <br>ALEKS        | Grade Levels: 8th - 12th grade students enrolled in Algebra I, Algebra II, or Geometry<br>Recommended Usage: 2 hours per week                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <br>TUTOR.COM    | Grade Levels: 6th - 12th grade<br>Live tutoring for most courses available to students 24 hours a day 7 days a week, with tutors who speak multiple languages<br>Recommended Usage: As needed by each student outside of school hours to support areas of struggle with homework, projects, and writing assignments |

Paterson Public Schools is committed to helping students reach their full potential by connecting them with learning opportunities that extend beyond the school day. Through ClassLink Launchpad, students can access a range of free digital tools that complement their coursework, help address individual learning needs, and encourage continued academic development. To access ClassLink Launchpad, [click here](#).

Families are encouraged to explore these resources together and make them part of their children's regular study routines. Consistent practice and access to individualized assistance can help students strengthen their understanding, develop confidence, and become more independent learners. Visit ClassLink Launchpad with your child today to discover these no-cost resources and make the most of the academic support available throughout the school year.

## PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEADERS ATTEND NJSBA WORKSHOP

Superintendent Dr. Laurie W. Newell, Deputy Superintendent Rodney A. Henderson, district administrators, and members of the Paterson Board of Education attended NJSBA's Workshop 2026 this week, joining education leaders from across New Jersey to share ideas, explore innovative practices, and discuss strategies to support student achievement. The conference provided an opportunity for district leaders to participate in professional development alongside education leaders from across the state.

Dr. Newell served as co-moderator for the Women in Leadership workshop. Her role as moderator provided an opportunity to contribute to conversations on leadership and the perspectives and experiences of women in education.



## DISTRICT CONCLUDES CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



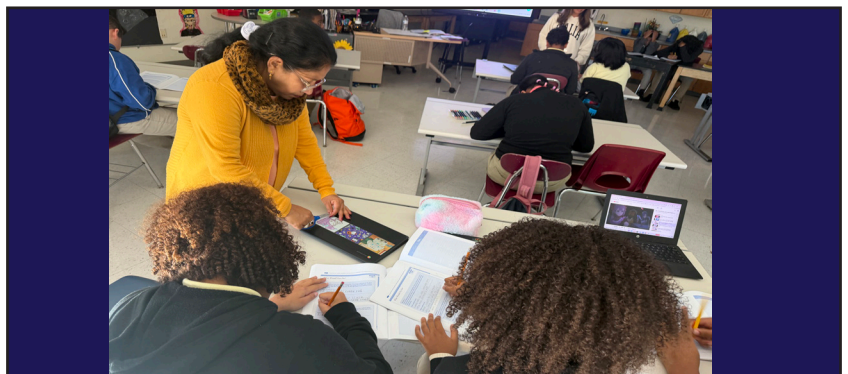
Paterson Public Schools' collective celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month came to a triumphant conclusion this week as the district presented its Hispanic Heritage Month video at the Board of Education regular meeting on Monday, October 19th. The presentation was given by the district's Director of Communications Aida E. Rosario.

The video proudly showcases student artwork, performances, and presentations. To view the full Hispanic Heritage Month video, [click here](#).

## RED RIBBON WEEK & BEYOND AT NEW ROBERTO CLEMENTE

While Red Ribbon Week serves as a great annual spotlight on substance use awareness, effective prevention cannot be limited to just one week a year. At New Roberto Clemente (NRC), Student Assistance Coordinator Genesis Tejada's model is built on continuous, age-appropriate, year-round education that reinforces key concepts throughout the entire academic school year.

**Botvin LifeSkills Training (Grades 6-7):** Embedded directly into NRC's Physical Education & Health curriculum to build ongoing skills in decision-making, refusal techniques, and peer pressure resistance.



**Montclair State University C.O.P.E. Program (Grade 7):** A multi-cycle classroom series launching this December focused on stress regulation, coping mechanisms, and emotional resilience.

**NJ4S Monthly Classroom Workshops (Grades 6-8):** Interactive monthly presentations running through June that cover critical topics including Bullying, Healthy Relationships, Study Skills, Substance Use Prevention, Mental Health, and Digital Safety.

## JFK ACCOUNTING STUDENTS VISIT ADP HEADQUARTERS

Students from John F. Kennedy High School's Accounting Pathway visited the Roseland, NJ headquarters of ADP, a Fortune 250 company, as part of Junior Achievement of New Jersey's Job Shadowing Program. Recent college graduates employed at ADP shared insights into their career journeys and answered questions about preparing for the workforce. These work-based learning experiences are an important component of JFK's business-themed pathways, helping students in Accounting and Marketing explore career options and develop a better understanding of the professional workplace.



## SCHOOL 26 CELEBRATES AND RECOGNIZES CHIEF SAL

School 26 proudly recognizes its Chief Custodian, Seljajdin Memish (Chief Sal), for his outstanding dedication to maintaining an exceptional learning environment and supporting other district schools.

Chief Sal is a collaborative team player who consistently demonstrates pride, accuracy, and excellence in his work, helping ensure that the building reflects the high standards expected during NJQSAC state inspections. School 26 thanks Chief Sal for his hard work, dedication, and commitment to keeping the school shining.



## MLK PROMOTES KINDNESS THROUGH SCHOOLWIDE INITIATIVE

Inspired by the idea that changing the world begins with one act of kindness at a time, students at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Educational Complex created a Kindness Wall to celebrate positive actions throughout their school community.

The wall provides students and staff with a space to recognize and share acts of kindness shown by others, including fellow students, staff members, and families. Through this initiative, the school community is encouraged to recognize thoughtful gestures, express appreciation, and foster a culture of kindness, compassion, and respect.



## EASTSIDE HOSTS FIRST FRESHMAN TEAM-BUILDING EVENT

Eastside High School held its first Freshman Team-Building Event at Bauerle Field on October 7th. Led by Vice Principal John Super III and Physical Education teacher Mr. Robert Black, the event provided incoming freshmen with an exciting opportunity to build relationships, develop teamwork skills, and strengthen their sense of community.

With the support and guidance of Eastside's physical education teachers and staff members, students participated in a variety of engaging activities, including relay races, tug-of-war, hula hoop challenges, and other team-building exercises.



## MLK EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Students and staff from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Educational Complex came together to help create a festive video recap of its Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. The video captures the school community's pride in celebrating the rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities.



## PPS IN THE NEWS

Paterson Public Schools Among  
Three NJ Districts Honored for  
Community STEM Program  
TAPinto Paterson | October 17, 2026

Paterson students write, film  
music video that celebrates Silk  
City  
Paterson Press | October 19, 2026

## PARENT REMINDER

### SCHOOL 13 RE-REGISTRATION DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2027-2028

Families of students attending School 13 are required to complete the re-registration process to secure enrollment for the 2027–2028 school year. Re-registration will be available at School 13 and the district's Central Registration office on the dates and times listed below.

School 13  
690 East 23rd Street, Paterson, NJ  
October 26–27, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Central Registration  
90 Delaware Avenue, Paterson, NJ  
October 28–29, 2026 | 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Make-Up Dates — Central Registration  
November 16–20, 2026 | 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

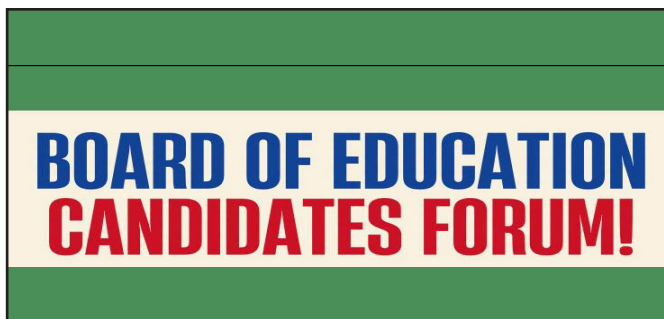


### PEF TO HOST BOE CANDIDATES FORUM ON OCTOBER 26

The Paterson Education Fund, in partnership with Paterson Public Schools PTO Leadership, will host a Board of Education Candidates Forum at John F. Kennedy High School on Monday, October 26. Community members are encouraged to attend.

Date: Monday, October 26, 2026  
Time: 6:00 p.m. (doors will close at 6:15 PM)  
Location: John F. Kennedy High School, 127 Preakness Avenue, Paterson

The Paterson Education Fund's Voter's Guide will also be available at the forum, providing additional information about the candidates. Community members are encouraged to attend, learn more about the candidates, and engage in informed conversations about the future of Paterson's schools.



## MONTHLY CALENDAR REMINDERS

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

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

A **Board of Education Workshop Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, November 10 at 90 Delaware Ave. Those wishing to provide public comments must do so in person and 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 Monday, November 16. 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](https://pps.eduvision.tv/LiveEvents).

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