

The Paterson Education Fund (PEF) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to stimulate community action for change so that the Paterson Public Schools ensure that all Paterson children achieve high standards.

**Goals**

- \*To build our community's civic capacity to support monitor and advocate education reform.
- \*To educate and enable community leadership to understand and act on changing educational needs.
- \*To provide a forum for the community to effectively participate in the decision making processes concerning education

Paterson Education Fund is a member of the Public Education Network (PEN), founded in 1991. The mission of PEN is to build public demand and mobilize resources for quality education for *all* children through a national constituency of local education funds and individuals. The Paterson Education Fund is a founding member.

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**Help Us Lower the Barriers to Student Success!**

With your help, PEF is lowering the barriers to student success. This year we have added a full service community schools initiative while continuing our work with College Track and Paterson Pathways [formerly Navigation 101].

PEF has entered into a five year agreement with the Paterson Public Schools and a growing number of community organizations to create 10 full service community schools. The first, School 5 near the Great Falls, opened this fall. New Roberto Clemente School and Dr. Frank Napier Academy [School 4] will open in September 2011. The next cohort is currently being identified.

Each school has a lead partner who is responsible for coordinating services to the students and their families. Faculty, parents and students identify services that they need to help improve student success. Each school will have a different mix of programs that respond to the identified needs. The Paterson Public Schools are providing space and support services to keep schools open after regular school hours and on weekends and vacations.



“This is an exciting time for PEF and the Paterson community,” says Jerry Traille, PEF’s new Board Chair. “I know that the way out of poverty and despair is a good education. Full service community schools will give families and children a new sense of hope and actual tools to create the futures they so desperately desire. We at PEF are excited to help coordinate the city wide effort and bring new resources to the initiative. We can use everyone’s help.”

PEF’s Irene Sterling co-chairs the Full Service Community Schools Advisory Committee. “I am thrilled by the number of partners stepping forward to offer services and support. Especially with the school budget cutbacks, this initiative holds the promise of providing additional enrichment that our children want. I think of it as ‘stone soup’. None of us alone has all the resources needed, but added together we have a very rich, full pot.”

To visit a school, arrange a presentation or inquire about volunteer opportunities, call Irene Sterling at PEF at 973.881.8914.

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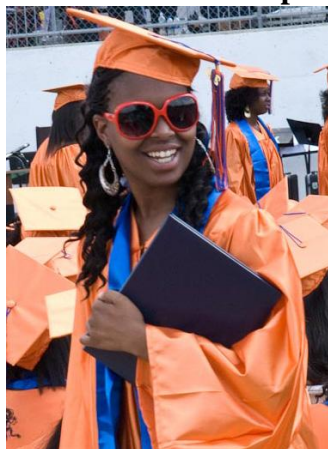
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# Are Paterson Students College & Career Ready?

Circle April 16 and plan to join the conversation.



Next year's Graduating Every Paterson Child conference will be held on April 16, 2011. You are invited to join us for a community conversation on College and Career Readiness at Passaic County Community College.

PEF is participating in a national Public Education Network (PEN) project to raise graduation rates and assure that urban children not only graduate, but are college and career ready. PEF and other PEN members have agreed to identify and promote strategies which are proven to raise educational achievement. PEN members will also track communities' commitment to promote policies and

programs that lead to student success.

To help frame the April conversation, PEF will provide a College and Career Ready report card that compares Paterson to sister cities throughout the US. The notion of "college and career ready" for ALL children is subject to much debate as we wrestle with stagnant achievement in comparison to other nations. Exactly how do we define these terms? How do we measure progress? We will look at how different communities define the work and how Paterson compares.



This event will take the place of PEF annual Graduating Paterson Every Child fall conference for 2011. "When PEF began the GEPC conferences, the Paterson Public Schools did not have fall convenings," explains Rosie Grant, PEF's program director. "Under Dr. Evans leadership, they now have an active fall schedule of community outreach events. We will support those and move our conference to spring so that it coincides with the release of this new data."

Please plan to join us.

## Expanding Informal Science: *Making Paterson Science Centered*



Thanks to a second year of support, Roche Informal Science is moving into major program development for PEF. In its first year, Roche Informal Science allowed four Paterson middle school science teachers to spend four weeks in professional development by enriching local summer youth programs by exploring local watershed ecology. This year we expanded the programs reach in several ways.

- PEF partnered with the Paterson YMCA for a first ever middle school Learn and Serve grant. The grant not only paid for some of the teachers' time, but also allowed middle school students to earn \$500 education awards for their service in protecting the environment.
- PEF could then use more of the Roche funds to expand the technology so that teachers could explore the use of interactive white boards and clicker systems.
- The program expanded to eight teachers, including several from other districts, and eight college interns.
- Programmatic additions to the watershed ecology focus included epidemiology and green building design.



The summer was capped by an invitation to Lead Teacher Sarah Laldee to present a poster at the American Geophysical Union's Meeting of the

America's in Brazil in August. Laldee made a presentation about using the local urban environment to teach earth science.

"I'm so grateful," says Laldee, School 2's Teacher of the Year. "I worked with teachers from across the Americas to model how to take advantage of local habitat for engaging adolescents." It wasn't Laldee's first venture abroad. She is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and an Earthwatch Teacher Fellow.

*What's next?* PEF is talking with the teaching fellows about an ecology science center for Paterson. It's not necessarily a building, but a set of programs and master teachers available to extend children's learning. Stay tuned.



### Navigation 101

*Year Three:*

### *Full Partners in Education*

After its third year of implementation within the Paterson Public Schools, Navigation 101 is now Paterson Pathways!

As Paterson takes ownership of the advisory and portfolio program, which is now fully adapted to meet the needs of Paterson's students, we are changing the name to Paterson Pathways.

Paterson Pathways remains a program of excellence for thousands of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students throughout the District. Students and advisors meet regularly to discuss topics ranging from academic improvement to goal setting, career preparation to leadership, community service to basic life skills. The curriculum culminates in a student-led conference, which summarizes students' accomplishments, showcases students' plans and goals for the coming years, and details students' plans for their course selections for the following year.

To read the full report, go to our website, [www.paterson-education.org](http://www.paterson-education.org)

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**Thank you!**

# Polling Paterson:

What do Patersonians believe about education?

It wasn't a surprise. A spring poll of Paterson residents on education issues showed Patersonians overwhelmingly concerned with jobs and the economy. When we compare this year's results to our 2008 poll we find both consistency and shifting public priorities.

With an economy in recession and state, county, and city budgets in deficit, people are balancing many different priorities. Still, they do not want members of their community to forget that everyone has a role when it comes to improving public education. The latest edition of the PEN/Paterson Education Fund's Civic Index for Public Education tells two dynamic stories.

- First, people in Paterson have a lot on their minds and while in 2008 public education was the most important issue (outpacing the economy), recent economic setbacks have made jobs the top issue. The focus on education, both because of the economy and because of no national election, has receded a bit and other issues have gained importance. The clearer focus people placed on education in 2008 now has more competition for attention. With that said, adults in Paterson still clearly prioritize public education and want to see people in their local community take more responsibility for improving neighborhood schools.

- Second, the Civic Index for Public Education itself shows remarkable stability since its inception in Paterson in the spring of 2008. The rank order in which voters say their community is doing a good job – or where they say it needs improvement – is basically unchanged. The Tolerance and Inclusiveness category is again the city's strength, while people in the city look for businesses, local colleges and universities, the media, and elected officials to do a better job fulfilling their role in improving the local public education system.

This year we also probed Patersonians use of social media. PEF is using the information to drive our media outreach strategy. The poll results are posted on our website.

Thanks to the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation for funding this key tool.

# School Libraries and the Paterson School Budget

As this report is released, the Paterson Public Schools are returning school librarians to Paterson elementary schools.

The reduction in force required by the loss of \$24 million of state funding for 2010-11 had decimated the school librarians, art and music teachers, among others. It is not clear at this time exactly how many librarians will return.



School librarians have been key partners in the Paterson 50 Book Club celebration, encouraging our young readers and tracking their progress.



PEF maintains an active interest in school libraries as this year marks the 18th anniversary of the reinstatement of Paterson elementary school libraries through the DeWitt Wallace Foundation "Library Power" grant.

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June 5: **PEF's 28th Anniversary Jazz Brunch**, 2 to 5 pm. Join us for an afternoon of great music and an elegant brunch.

October 14: **PEF's Twelveth Golf Invitational**, Black Bear course at Crystal Springs Resort, Franklin NJ

January 11, 2011: **"The College Track" Facilitator Training**, Call PEF at 973-881-8914 to register. Help families prepare to send children to college. We want you to lead the conversation!

February 7: **So you want to run for School Board? How to run.** PEF Offices.

March 7: **Assessing School Board Performance.** PEF Offices.

March 31: **PEF Paterson School Board Candidates' Night**; 6:30 pm JFK High School TV Studio.

April 16: **"Graduating Every Paterson Child" Spring conference.** Passaic County Community College, 9 to 1 pm.

April 19 [Tuesday]: **School Board Elections.** All Type II School Districts -those with elected school boards.

May 2011: **Paterson Pathways**, formerly Navigation 101 **Student Led Conferences** presented by all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Dates determined by individual schools.

June 2: **50 Book Club Celebration**, at the Paterson Free Public Library, 250 Broadway, 5 pm.  
Fun, food and books for our most avid readers.



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Please send me:

- \_\_\_ PEF's Report on Navigation 101 for 2009-10. It reached 6,600 students!
- \_\_\_ PEF's *Guide to Paterson School Budget 2011-12* Available March 2011
- \_\_\_ *Educated Voter's Guide to the School Board Elections 2011.* Available March 2011
- \_\_\_ Full color poster for 50 Book Club 2010, listing the names of all the 50 Book Club Readers
- \_\_\_ *What's Your Destination? A Guide to College Opportunities for Paterson Students*, 2010 edition.

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