



# Statewide Continuing Education Regulations Require Election of Paterson Professional Development Committee Members

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On May 6, 1998 the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted a plan which will require all teaching staff members to complete 100 clock hours of continuing education every five. As a result, teaching staff members have greater control over professional development, including the types of in-service programs offered in school districts through the plan adopted by the State Board.

Teachers in Paterson are required to elect representatives to the Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC). This Board works in conjunction with the State Professional Teaching Standards Board and a County Professional Development Board.

The LPDC consists of four (4) teachers elected by teaching staff members through elections run by the P.E.A. and two (2) administrators selected by the Superintendent of Schools. Terms for elected teaching staff members are for two years, and, the terms are staggered terms. Two seats on the LPDC are open this year.

The Local Professional Development Committee is required to:

- assess the in-service needs and the professional development program opportunities of the district,
- plan and implement professional development programs using state-approved standards,
- work in conjunction with the District Superintendent,
- solicit input from parents, community members, and local business leaders,
- present its plans to the County Professional Development Board for approval
- oversee the District's mentoring program

**INTERESTED?? Contact the P.E.A. Office and request an LPDC Candidate Application.**

The ***completed applications*** MUST be received at the P.E.A. Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7.

Candidates will be offered the opportunity to make a presentation to the Association's Delegate Assembly at its May meeting.

**Questions ??? Call the P.E.A. Office (973) 881-9445.**