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Together We Can!

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Forums are Off and Running

The first of Acting Superintendent Eileen Shafer's ongoing series of "Together We Can" Community Education Forums took place last night for the 1st Ward at the Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. School of Science and Technology.

Attendees were greeted by Napier principal, Mr. Mark Medley who handed off to the Executive Director of Family and Community Engagement and Full Service Community Schools, Kemper McDowell. Mr. McDowell presented a Public Service Announcement video in both English and Spanish, regarding the October 14th, [Family and Community Engagement Conference](#) at Passaic County Community College. Mr. McDowell then introduced Ms. Shafer.

Reinforcing her address to the parents and stakeholders present with a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Shafer outlined her vision of academic goals for the district during the 2017-2018 school year and beyond. Following her presentation, the Acting Superintendent took questions and remarks from the public that were both candid and informative. Issues such as: credit recovery, climate and culture, racism, the "school to prison pipeline," were among the hard-hitting topics fielded. Ms. Shafer addressed these



concerns and concluded with a rousing speech, declaring her pledge to be open, listen to any and all concerns from the community and work to find quick resolution to problems.

Tonight's forum for the 2nd Ward will take place at the John F. Kennedy Educational complex, 61-127 Preakness Avenue in Paterson beginning at 6:00 p.m. Click here for the schedule of all upcoming forums in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).



As part of the school's Latino Heritage Month activities, State Senator Nellie Pou visited the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School to address the students on the functions of state government.

District Events

Oct. 3: 2nd Ward Community Education Forum

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at John F. Kennedy Flyer: [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Oct. 4: Board of Education Workshop

6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices, 90 Delaware Avenue

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5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices Cafeteria 90, Delaware Avenue

Oct. 5: 3rd Ward Community Education Forum

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at School 26 Flyer: [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Oct. 9: Columbus Day

District Closed

Oct. 11: 4th Ward Community Education Forum

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at School 21 Flyer: [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Oct. 12: 5th Ward Community Education Forum

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at MLK Flyer: [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Oct. 13: Arts & Humanities Night

6:00 p.m. at Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts [Flyer with details](#)

Oct. 14: Family & Community Engagement Conference

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Passaic County Community College [Flyer with details](#)

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