

## **MEDIA ADVISORY FOR**

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### **Paterson educators to host “Walk-ins” for the schools all students deserve**

*--Rallies will join nationwide day of action at more than 1,000 schools in more than 30 cities*

PATERSON — On **Wednesday, February 17, 2016**, the educators from the [Paterson Education Association](#) (PEA) will hold “[walk-ins](#)” at all [Paterson School District](#) (PSD) schools in support of the public schools that all students deserve. Parents, teachers and students will gather in front of their schools for a 30-minute rally in support of public schools prior to the start of the school day. At the conclusion of the rallies, participants will walk in to their schools together to symbolically claim the school as a an institution that belongs to and serves their communities. PEA will host a media event at John F. Kennedy Education Complex featuring speakers from the [New Jersey Education Association](#) (NJEA), the [National Education Association](#) (NEA), PSD administrators, and elected officials.

The walk-ins in Paterson are part of a nationwide action organized by the [Alliance to Reclaim our Schools](#) (AROS). Communities representing more than 1,000 schools in more than 30 cities across the country will be walking in to their schools at similar events. The NEA is a member of the AROS coalition. NJEA and PEA are NEA affiliates.

**What:** Rally and “walk-in” for the public schools all students deserve

**Who:** [John McEntee](#), President, Paterson Education Association  
[Donnie W. Evans, Ed. D.](#), Superintendent, Paterson Public Schools  
[Sean Spiller](#), Secretary-Treasurer, New Jersey Education Association  
[Becky Pringle](#), Vice President, National Education Association  
[Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly](#), Legislative District 35  
Others TBA

**When:** Wednesday, February 17, 2017  
7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

**Where:** 61-127 Preakness Avenue, Paterson NJ 07522  
Parking available on the northwest side

**Visuals:** More than 150 educators, parents, and community members rallying for public education in front of John F. Kennedy High School. Participants will be encouraged to wear red for this event. At the conclusion of the event, participants will walk into the school together to begin the school day.

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*The Paterson Education Association represents more than 3,100 educators serving the students of Paterson Public Schools and the Paterson, NJ, community. Learn more at <http://www.patersonea.org>*