



## PARENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM 2016-2017 APPLICATION

Parents for Public Schools of Pitt County (PPS-PC) will offer a Parent Engagement Program (PEP) open to parents and other community members who want to strengthen public schools in Pitt County. Participants will be selected on the basis of:

- **Leadership potential**
- **Interest and/or active participation in schools and community**
- **Willingness to develop and implement a leadership plan**
- **Commitment to attend all sessions and to maintain an ongoing connection with the PPS network**

**Participants are selected without regard to race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin. There will be no charge for participation.**

The PEP program provides data-driven, customized training that authentically engages parents and improves schools in the process. By working with school administrators and teachers, our parents will reduce barriers to learning and bring the community into the process of strengthening schools.

**The PEP training for the 2016-2017 school year includes the following seven sessions from 8:30 am-2:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month.**

- **October 19, 2016**      **United Way of Pitt County**
- **November 16, 2016**      **United Way of Pitt County**
- **January 18, 2017**      **United Way of Pitt County**
- **February 15, 2017**      **United Way of Pitt County**
- **March 15, 2017**      **United Way of Pitt County**
- **April 12, 2017**      **United Way of Pitt County**
- **May 17, 2017**      **Pitt County Board of Education Board Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**

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### Sample PEP Session Modules

**Common Core Curriculum**  
**Data and Decision Making**  
**Finance and Governance**  
**Special Needs**

**Learning Styles**  
**Learning Supports at Home**  
**Leadership and Advocacy**  
**Technology**

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if we have permission to text you updates.

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER (current): \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION (current): \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN:

Name                                      Age      Grade      Current School      School will attend in fall 2016

Name	Age	Grade	Current School	School will attend in fall 2016

If you are accepted, what school do you plan to work with? (choose one only)

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How did you find out about the PPS Parent Engagement Program?

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**Our funders require us to report on the diversity of participants. Please answer these optional questions to assist us in the report.**

Your race/ethnic origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Your age: \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Urban or Rural Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. YOU MAY ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NECESSARY.

**1. Describe ways in which you have been involved in your community or school. (examples: PTA, Sunday School Teacher, Girl/Boy Scout Troop leader, committees, etc.)**

**2. Describe your ideas to improve student achievement?**

**3. What concerns do you have about your school or school district?**

**4. How do you define leadership?**

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Participants are required to attend all sessions. Participants are expected to make child care and other arrangements in advance in order to fully attend all sessions.

**PERSONAL COMMITMENT**

**Each participant in the 2016-2017 PPS Parent Engagement Program must commit to attend all seven monthly sessions and commit to developing a personal leadership plan that will help reduce barriers to learning and improve student achievement for public school children. To graduate from the Parent Engagement Program, you are expected to attend all sessions in their entirety. Participants are also expected to continue their involvement with PPS following the leadership sessions, to recruit other parents for the Parent Engagement Program and to share their experiences with parents in their community.**

**I understand the purpose and expectations of the Parents for Public Schools Parent Engagement Program and, if accepted, agree to devote the time, participate in the meetings, and conduct at least one parent activity in my community.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Application deadline: June 30, 2016**

**Notification of acceptance: September 1, 2016**

**Send your application to:**

**Parents for Public Schools  
Pitt County Class of 2016-2017  
Parent Engagement Program  
P.O. Box 2873  
Greenville, NC 27836  
Or email to: [RDEducational@yahoo.com](mailto:RDEducational@yahoo.com)**

**PPS - Parent Engagement Program  
HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT  
RELEASE**

**WHEREAS, I \_\_\_\_\_ have applied for admission to the Parents for Public Schools Parent Engagement Program of Pitt County Class of 2016-2017, and I have been permitted through a selection process to participate in the activities associated therewith, including, but not limited to, Sessions 1 - 7 of the PEP Program from October, 2016 through May, 2017; and**

**WHEREAS, I am participating in the aforesaid activities solely on my own initiative, risk and responsibility;**

**NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the permission extended to me to participate in the aforesaid activities, I do hereby for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, voluntarily release, waive and forever discharge Parents for Public Schools, its officers, agents, employees, and the Parents for Public Schools Board of Trustees, in their individual capacities from any and all claims or causes of action, personal injury, or property damage which result from or arise out of my participation in the aforesaid activities.**

**Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parents for Public Schools – Parent Engagement Program – PEP Class 2016 - 2017**

**RELEASE TIME FROM EMPLOYMENT**

Since participation in the Parents for Public Schools Parent Engagement Program involves attending meetings during the work week, we are willing to contact your employer to explain the importance of PEP and encourage your employer's support. The purpose of our letter is NOT to request time off for you. It is very important that you discuss your interest in attending the PPS Parent Engagement Program with your employer. If you feel that a letter from Parents for Public Schools would help you, please give us the contact name, title, and mailing address to write to AFTER your acceptance.

**NOTE: A letter explaining the purpose and content of the Parent Engagement Program will be mailed to your employer no later than two weeks prior to the first session. It is YOUR responsibility to contact your employer ahead of time to ask for time off.**

**PLEASE PRINT CANDIDATE'S NAME:**

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**EMPLOYER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERVISOR'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERVISOR'S TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR JOB TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_