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New Parental Advisory Council Launched

Parents of children with special needs enrolled in Paterson Public Schools are invited to participate in the newly established *Paterson Special Education Parent Advisory Council (P-SEPAC)*. This group has been formed to enable parents of children with physical, emotional or behavioral challenges, along with students receiving special services under an IEP or 504 Plan, to have a voice in district policy and practice regarding their children. If you are the parent or guardian of a child facing such challenges, you are strongly encouraged to participate in the new P-SEPAC council. A schedule of meetings will be available on the district website soon, and you can view these public service announcement video messages from P-SEPAC leaders, available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Aloha!



The Norman S. Weir School (NSW) conducted a Skype video conference visit from Hawaii with Disney's award winning author Bruce Hale to discuss his new book, [Mutant Mantis Lunch Ladies!](#) The students and their teachers cheered when Mr. Hale himself appeared on the screen.

Mr. Hale talked about the process he went through to research, write, and publish the book and encouraged students to reach for their dreams. The whole group enjoyed waving at and thanking Mr. Hale for his virtual visit. The book was a fun read and the students who were thoroughly

mesmerized by Mr. Hale! The students left motivated and armed with the author's message to them be persistent and "Dream Big!"

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