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DOE to Host Special Education Workshop on May 23

Educators interested in learning about cutting back on out-of-district special education placements and how to make special education students more comfortable in the classroom are encouraged to attend a workshop on Tuesday, May 23 in Wayne.

The workshop, "Effective Inclusion to Reduce Out-of-District Placements," is co-sponsored by the Department of Education's Northern Regional Office, Passaic County Community College and William Paterson University.

It takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at William Paterson University, 1600 Valley Road, Wayne.

Dr. Paula Kluth, an expert in special education instruction, is the keynote speaker. She is an educational consultant and an adjunct instructor at National-Louis University in Chicago. Kluth is specifically interested in helping students with autism and significant disabilities in inclusive classrooms.

Kluth has a master's degree in educational policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a doctorate degree in special education from the University of Wisconsin. She is a former special educator who has served as a classroom teacher, consulting teacher, and inclusion facilitator.

Kluth is the author of "You're Going to Love This Kid: Educating Students with Autism in Inclusive Classrooms" (2003, Brookes Publishing) and several articles about inclusion. During her presentation, Kluth will cover the specific strategies that can be used to give all students access to challenging, exciting, general education curriculum in inclusive schools.

For more information, contact Meredith Coticchio of Passaic County Community College at (973) 684-6126. The registration fee is \$150.

In addition to the Northern Region workshops, the DOE's Central and Southern regions are hosting several professional development workshops throughout the school year. The workshops are all intended to help educators with a variety of professional development issues.

A complete list is online here: <https://homerom5.doe.state.nj.us/events/>.