



## State Board of Education Returns Two More Categories of Local Control to Paterson

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**Trenton, NJ** – The New Jersey State Board of Education today approved returning two areas of local control – fiscal management and personnel – to the state-operated Paterson School District. Today's approval expands the return of local control to Paterson, which has had local control of operations since 2014. Paterson has been under state control since 1991.

The state's school monitoring system – called the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum, or NJQSAC – is the framework that evaluates districts in five separate functional areas: governance, fiscal management, personnel, operations, and curriculum and instruction. NJQSAC is also the pathway for state-operated districts to regain local control by demonstrating a level of functionality in each of the five areas.

A 2005 law provides for state-run districts to regain control of areas in which they have consistently received strong scores on the NJQSAC state accountability scale, and the district must have adequate programs, policies and staffing to demonstrate that the growth is sustainable.

The State Board of Education passed a resolution saying that Paterson "has demonstrated substantial and sustained progress in improving its NJQSAC scores in fiscal management and personnel. In fiscal management, they went from meeting an initial 41% of the performance indicators in 2007 to having met 86% in 2016. In personnel, the district went from meeting an initial 60% of the performance indicators in 2007 to having met 100% in 2016."

The Department of Education continues to work with and support local representatives on returning the final two categories of local control to Paterson.