

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR:

Parent and Community Leadership Institute (PCLI)

Pittsburgh Region

Presented by The Education Policy and Leadership Center

Co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania PTA

The Parent and Community Leadership Institute is a **free 12-hour program** presented by The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC). The Institute will be offered in the Pittsburgh Region during Fall 2008 as a series of **four evening Workshops** conducted on **October 28 and November 11, 18 and 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.**

The goals of the Institute are to:

- **Develop an informed cadre of citizens who can influence public policy on educational issues.**
- **Enhance the knowledge and skills of local education policymakers and potential school board candidates with a focus on quality decision-making.**
- **Build community networks of support and advocacy for sound education policies and initiatives that strengthen families and enhance the growth and development of children.**

Applications are encouraged from a broad range of current or emerging community leaders that will include parents of school-age children, business and professional persons, educators, civic leaders, local elected officials, school board members, prospective school board candidates, and others who want to learn more about public education policy issues.

All sessions will be held at the **Holiday Inn Select - University Center** at 100 Lytton Avenue (PGH 15213) in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh.

Workshops begin at 6:00 p.m., include a break, and end at 9:15 p.m.

A light dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m., immediately before every session.

The Workshops include:

Session #1 – Tuesday, October 28
Topic: Governance of Public Education

Session #2 – Tuesday, November 11
Topic: Standards, Assessments, and Accountability

Session #3 – Tuesday, November 18
Topic: Financing Public Education

Session #4 – Tuesday, November 25
Topic: Parent, School and Community Partnerships; Public Advocacy

Those completing all four Workshops will receive a Leadership Program certificate from EPLC and be included in future Leadership Network activities.

How to Apply:

Although there is **no registration fee, you must apply and be accepted to participate in the Parent and Community Leadership Institute. Space is limited, so please apply ASAP. The deadline is Friday, October 24, 2008. **For information and on-line application**, please go to <http://www.eplc.org/PCLI.html>.**

If you have questions about the Institute, please contact Ron Cowell at EPLC at cowell@eplc.org.

Please share this information with others who may have an interest in participating

in the Parent and Community Leadership Institute.