

PARSS eNews & Conference Update

November 2024



Dear PARSS Members,

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you. Your commitment to students and communities across Pennsylvania inspires our work every day. It's your membership, collaboration, and shared passion for education that strengthens our organization and helps us advocate for the unique needs of our communities.

I'd like to share some information that we at PARSS are grateful for:

- **Membership Milestone:** The organization now has 283 members and represents over 252 school districts.
- **Gratitude:** Thanks to members and advocates who helped expand the membership.
- **Grant Applications:** Over 150 grant applications were received, and winners will be announced around Thanksgiving. Notifications will be sent to superintendents.
- **Job Openings:** Members are encouraged to submit job openings to be posted on the PARSS website.
- **Professional Development:** We provide a variety of professional development opportunities. Board and administrator retreats, and Title I workshops for parents are just a few to mention. Please reach out to Dr. Albert for more information.

- **Awards:** Members are encouraged to nominate outstanding individuals for awards such as PARSS Teachers of the Year (both secondary and elementary) and the PARSS Advocacy Award. Please visit www.parss.org for more information
- **Reflection and Gratitude:** A reminder to be thankful for achievements, family, and loved ones.

Together, we're making a meaningful difference, and for that, I am deeply grateful. Wishing you and your teams a season filled with gratitude and success!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Edward Albert, Ed.D.
Executive Director

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARSS MEMBERS!

Ambridge Area School District	Bethlehem-Center School District	Burgettstown Area School District	Eastern York School District
			
Exeter Township School District	North Pocono School District	Ringgold School District	Salisbury Township School District
			
Tamaqua Area School District	Western Wayne School District		
			

Dr. Jon Rednak

34 Years And Counting...



As I enter my 34th year of service as a Board Member and Officer, I've seen the organization grow and prosper exponentially.

Specifically I've...

- Attended over 140 Board Meetings and Conferences!
- Traveled over 28,000 miles traveling Rte. 322 to State College!
- Seen our membership grow to a record 284 school districts, IU's, and Tech Centers!
- Worked for and with a variety of Executive Directors!
- Attended meetings and conferences at 5 different locations in State College!
- Served with over 70 different Board Members!
- Seen the PARSS Board grow from a handful of individuals to our current board of 30!
- Been involved in organizing over 30 PARSS Annual Conferences!
- Written over 7,000 checks!
- Awarded over \$300,000 in Grants and Student Scholarships!
- Witnessed our Corporate Sponsorships grow to 14 under Dr. Clapper's leadership!
- Conducted over 20 PARSS Superintendent Searches!
- Watched the organization win and lose 2 court cases regarding school funding!
- Enjoyed seeing my daughter, Dr. Ashley Rednak, become a member of the PARSS team!

Next year I start my 35th year of service to PARSS. I look forward to continuing to support all of the students in Pennsylvania and our members...at least for a few more years! That support is the key to our future success.

Dr. Jon Rednak
PARSS Financial Officer

Conference Registration is

OPEN

REGISTER NOW!

April 30 – May 2

2025

The 2025 PARSS Conference will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at Mountain View Country Club in State College April 30-May 2!

A variety of session topics will be covered by legislative staff, government officials, educational organizations, and legal representatives.

The detailed program will be released closer to conference time. **Registration is open!** See the information below to complete your registration and **make your hotel reservations ASAP.**

****Accommodations are NOT included in the registration fee.****

We look forward to seeing you in April! If you have any questions about this event, please [contact Dr. Ashley Rednak](#).

Thank you!

OVERALL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 30

Golf Outing: 11:00 a.m.

Pre-Conference Social: 6:00 p.m.



Thursday, May 1

Registration: 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Opening Session: 8:30 a.m.

Anniversary Dinner & Awards: 5:00 p.m.



Friday, May 2

General Membership Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

Closing Session Ends: 11:30 a.m.

CONFERENCE FEATURED SPEAKER

Uvalde: Preparation, Execution, Aftermath

Gary Patterson stepped into the role of Interim Superintendent at Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District in Texas on November 1, 2022 just a few months after 19 students and two teachers were killed in a school shooting at Robb Elementary School. Patterson's purpose in coming to Uvalde was to rebuild trust, unity, and a sense of security with the community. He came to the district with over 40 years of experience across multiple districts in the state of Texas. Patterson will speak to PARSS Conference attendees about his time in Uvalde and how he has helped communities make progress and move towards healing.



REGISTRATION FEES:

MEMBER DISTRICTS/ASSOCIATES- \$295 PER PERSON

NON-MEMBER DISTRICTS/ASSOCIATES- \$600 PER PERSON

RETIRED SUPERINTENDENTS- \$100 PER PERSON

YOUR REGISTRATION INCLUDES: Wednesday Pre-Conference Social, Thursday lunch, Thursday Dinner, all refreshment breaks, and all sessions!

BOOK YOUR HOTEL NOW!

Rooms Sell Out FAST!

For Reservations -



**Wyndham
Garden Hotel at
Mountain View
Country Club**

310 Elks Club Road
Boalsburg, PA

Ph: 814-466-2255

Use code PARSS25 for a rate of \$139/night + tax
(code cannot be used online)

Book NOW!! Rooms sell out FAST!!



**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**

PARSS GOLF

TOURNAMENT

APRIL 30, 2025

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB

CHECK-IN.....11:00AM

LUNCH.....11:30AM

SHOTGUN START.....12:00PM

AWARDS CEREMONY.....TBD

***AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE
PRE-CONFERENCE SOCIAL IN THE GARDEN
BALLROOM***

**A REGISTRATION DONATION OF \$40 WILL BE
COLLECTED AT CHECK-IN. ALL DONATION FUNDS
ARE AWARDED IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO
STUDENTS IN PARSS MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**



Contact Us

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