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*PPS Joins with Federal Parental  
Information and Resource Centers to  
Increase Parental Involvement*

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Parents for Public Schools Executive Director Anne Foster has been invited to participate in the national conference of Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRC) this month as education supporters meet to increase parental involvement in the nation's public schools.

“Parents for Public Schools gives ordinary parents a voice at the table when policy is being made at the local level or in the nation's capital,” Foster said. “We're excited to share what we've learned with groups that are working in all 50 states to give parents a greater role in making schools better.”

PIRCs are federally-funded centers in every state that promote effective parental involvement policies and programs to improve student academic achievement. They seek to strengthen partnerships among parents, teachers, principals, administrators, and other school personnel, with a special emphasis on parents of low-income, minority, and limited English proficient children.

Foster will be leading a workshop on best practices that parents can use to support school reform, including practical ways to build coalitions with other parent and community organizations. She will also describe programs offered by Parents for Public Schools chapters that have improved diverse districts in different regions of the country.

The National PIRC Conference is being held in Washington DC July 22-24. Foster will present her program on Thursday, July 23, at 4:00 (Concurrent Session III / Strand II – Statewide Impact).

For more information, see [www.nationalpirc.org](http://www.nationalpirc.org) and [www.parents4publicschools.org](http://www.parents4publicschools.org).

**Parents for Public Schools** is a national organization of community-based chapters working with public school parents and other supporters to improve and strengthen local public schools. Founded in 1989, there are 19 PPS chapters in 11 states.

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