

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
18 SOUTH PERRY STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601**

**RECRUITMENT BULLETIN # 20-21-61  
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**\*DISTRICT FAMILY ADVOCATE  
POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF POSITION**

**POSITION:**

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, is interested in receiving applications from qualified candidates for the position of:

**DISTRICT FAMILY ADVOCATE  
POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**APPLICATION**

Candidates must complete an application available to print through the Human Resources Tab [www.poughkeepsieschools.org](http://www.poughkeepsieschools.org)

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and:  
EITHER:

(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Master's degree in Education or Social Work;

OR:

(B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree and two years of responsible experience in a school district or community organization that involved extensive contact with parents and students or two years of leadership in a parent teacher organization; which included working with families and parents on community and/or education-related issues;

OR:

(C) An equivalent combination of training and experience within the confines of (A) and (B) above.

**DUTIES:**

The Poughkeepsie City School District (PCSD) is committed to providing students and parents with pathways to opportunity that will lead to achievement and success. Through student-centered effective and transformational leadership, school and community engagement, and an unrelenting pursuit to achieve greater school outcomes for children, the Poughkeepsie City Schools is focused on developing and growing greater access, equity, opportunity, and quality across PCSD.

This class has responsibility for engaging parents in the educational process and providing

support to parent leaders and principals to increase parental involvement in school buildings. The District Family Advocate will give voice to the concerns of families and parent leaders at the District Office, assist principals in creating active parent teacher organizations in school buildings and facilitate more effective school/home communication between teachers and parents. Under the direction of the Interim Executive Director of Community Schools, this position will identify and respond to families' concerns and work with principals and parent leaders to ensure that each concern is addressed in a timely manner. Work is performed under general supervision, while some leeway is permitted to encourage and promote the initiative and creativity of the incumbent. Supervision of others is not a typical requirement of this position. As the incumbent will be making presentations to various parent groups, evening hours will be required, depending upon the needs of the district.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

The following is indicative of the level and types of activities performed by positions in this title. It is not meant to be all inclusive and does not preclude a supervisor from assigning activities not listed which could reasonably be expected to be performed by an employee in this title:

1. Provides support to families during the school enrollment process;
2. Assists parent leaders in their efforts to develop family-friendly schools;
3. Organizes family and parent leadership support committees;
4. Collaborates with families, teachers, parent organizations community-based partners, and business leaders to develop programs and activities designed to engage families in improving student achievement;
5. Develops a District Family Involvement Program with input and approval from parent leadership to satisfy the school parent involvement policies under Title I and No Child Left Behind Legislation;
6. Coordinates training, meeting logistics and communication needs with school district administration;
7. Serves as a problem-solver and facilitator for family and parent leadership concerns that are elevated to the district office, including concerns regarding school leadership teams, the PTA, and other policies;
8. May visit individual schools on a regular basis to provide support and guidance to parent leaders;
9. Works with the district's parent leaders to support parent associations and parent-teacher associations, as well as Title I committees;
10. Develops and maintains an up-to-date database of all parent leadership contact information;
11. Utilizes software to track and assess family and parent leadership complaints;
12. Analyzes trends and devises proactive strategies to address recurring complaints;

13. Prepares and distributes report to district parent leadership on family engagement goals and accomplishments;
14. Assists the Superintendent of Schools with the PTA-Superintendent meetings;
15. Improves student participation in SES (Supplemental Educational Services) programs by meeting with parents.

**APPOINTMENT:**

Appointment will be made by the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent following assessment of training, experience, certifications, credentials and evaluation of service. Personal interviews shall be scheduled where appropriate.

**\*This position(s) will be appointed provisionally.**

**SALARY:**           TBD

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**   As soon as possible after an offer of employment

**APPLICATION  
DEADLINE:**           Open until filled

**SEND ALL  
INTEREST &  
RESUME TO:**

<https://olasjobs.org/>  
Dr. Timothy Wade  
Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services  
18 South PerrySt.  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

Cc: [hroffice@poughkeepsieschools.org](mailto:hroffice@poughkeepsieschools.org)

\*Applications may also be filed through the Online Application System (OLAS) for K-12 Education

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