

Community Organizations Join PEN-Sarasota in Nonpartisan Efforts to Enhance the Quality of Public Education in Sarasota County

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(SARASOTA, FL – June 3, 2024) The Public Education Network Sarasota (PEN-Sarasota) is pleased to announce its upcoming informational event scheduled for June 12, 2024. This meeting aims to bring together nonpartisan organizations dedicated to enhancing the quality of public education in Sarasota County. The event will be held from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. online via ZOOM.

This is PEN-Sarasota's second partnership meeting. In April, several organizations gathered to discuss strategies for effective advocacy in public education. As a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501(c)(3) grassroots organization, PEN-Sarasota will work alongside these organizations to strategize and share our knowledge and experience to preserve, maintain, and enhance public education for ALL students in Sarasota County.

Recent years have seen significant challenges in the Sarasota County public school system, including controversial decisions by the School Board that many believe have compromised the district's reputation. Issues have ranged from policy responses to statewide legislation, to debates over mask mandates and the handling of book policies, which have sparked concerns among residents about the direction of our public schools.

Dr. Pamela Hart, Ph.D., and Dr. Jill Lewis-Spector, Ed.D., PEN-Sarasota Board members, emphasize the importance of this collaborative effort. "Our goal is to unite these organizations to amplify our voices and strengthen our resolve against the erosion of quality public education," said Dr. Hart.

To learn more about us and how you can become involved, visit the Public Education Network Sarasota website at www.pensarasota.org, or email Info@PENSarasota.org.