

GARDEN CITY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
56 Cathedral Avenue
Garden City, New York 11530

October 27, 2010

Dear Parents:

Last spring, the School District Administration announced they would be investigating differentiated teaching. Dr. Prendergast, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction will head up a committee to meet to discuss differentiated teaching in the classroom. Administration has now asked PTA to appoint two parent representatives to join the differentiated Research Committee. This committee will be comprised of Dr. Prendergast, administration, several teachers, administration from the University setting and four parent representatives (two appointed by PTA and two appointed by SEPTA).

Parents interested in one of the two positions must submit a letter outlining how they would be an asset to this committee. The PTA president will present these letters to the PTA Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will review the letter with candidates names withheld to ensure the candidate is chosen anonymously. The candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Have children who are presently attending the elementary or have recently attended elementary school in the Garden City School District
- Be available to attend **all** committee meetings. Meetings will take place beginning November 15th, (exact dates to be determined by committee). Meetings will take place at 3:30pm in the administration building.
- Have an open mind and be able to solicit concerns and suggestions from parents regarding differentiated teaching
- Report parental concerns to the committee for discussion
- Provide committee progress reports to the PTA Executive Committee and PTA membership at **all** primary and elementary school PTA meetings and forums.

Candidates interested in serving must submit their letter to the above address (PTA mail box) or email to gmadigan@gardencitypta.org, no later than 3:00pm on Thursday, November 4, 2010.

Although this committee will be vital in assessing the future of differentiated teaching, this will not be the only opportunity for parental involvement in the review process. The PTA, in conjunction with the school district administration, will work to provide committee updates at PTA meetings and schedule additional parent meetings with focus groups on this topic and also via the PTA email blasts and the local newspapers.

Sincerely,
Gail Madigan, President, GCPTA

