

The Paramount Education Partnership (PEP)

The Paramount Education Partnership, or PEP, is an alliance between the City of Paramount, the Paramount Unified School District and the Paramount Chamber of Commerce. It is dedicated to providing programs and services that increase the academic achievement and educational expectations of the City's residents.

Education is a community builder. If a community works with its educators and parents to make education the number-one priority for all, individuals will be closer to reaching their full potential and the community, as a whole, will be stronger, safer and culturally richer.

In addition, an individual's level of education is closely aligned with their income. A college graduate with a bachelor's degree can earn more than twice as much as a person with no high school diploma.

Propelled by these facts, more than 500 parents, business people, clergy, teachers, school administrators, city staff and students in Paramount came together in 2002 for a series of workshops to answer the question: "How can we dramatically increase educational attainment in our community?"

Out of this, PEP was born.

PEP builds a community-wide "culture of education" in which every child in the City will naturally assume that their future will include college.

PEP also benefits the Paramount business community by producing a more educated population that can fill employment needs in a 21st-century economy. Consequently, many local businesses have become directly involved with PEP programs.