

### **What is Parents SEE?**

Parents SEE is a 12 week leadership course for parents, grandparents and anyone interested in how schools function and who wants to improve schools. Parents SEE provides motivated participants with practical strategies for actively engaging with parents, educators and community leaders in examining educational policies and practice. Participants learn what to expect from schools, how to partner with them, and how to be successful civic leaders on education issues.

### **Parents SEE Curriculum**

There will be a retreat on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and then 12 Tuesday evening sessions following the Saturday

#### retreat

- 1: What do effective schools look like?
- 2: What is change?
- 3: How and why do schools change?
- 4: What is our educational system? Presented by Superintendent of Schools
- 5: How does your school district function? Class attends Board of Education meeting.
- 6: What is a citizen's/parent's role in how the school district functions?
- 7: Why do some students succeed in school while others do not?
- 8: What is a parent's role in children's learning and school improvements?
- 9: When are improvements in school warranted?
- 10: What are key education policies?
- 11: How do parents lead in schools?
- 12: What do knowledge, skills and a civic tool kit mean for effective parent leadership in education?
- 13: Graduation

**Extended Learning Programs  
Danbury Public Schools  
49 Osborne Street  
Danbury, CT 06810**

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**A Free Program for Parents  
interested in their children's  
learning and bettering  
schools.**

Danbury Training Session  
to begin February 23, 2013

For more information contact:  
The Extended Learning Programs  
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203-830-6508

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Parents SEE Application Form

Type or print clearly and send to ELP, 49 Osborne Street, Danbury, CT 06810 or fax to 203-830-6594

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|-----------------------|--|--|-------------------|--|--|-------------------|--|--|--|-------|----------|--|---------|----------|
| <b>First Name</b>     |  |  | <b>Middle</b>     |  |  | <b>Last Name</b>  |  |  | <b>Marital Status:</b>                       |       |          |  |         |          |
|                       |  |  |                   |  |  |                   |  |  | Single                                       |       | Married  |  | Widowed | Divorced |
| <b>Street Address</b> |  |  |                   |  |  |                   |  |  | <b>Will use child care at class:</b>         |       |          |  |         |          |
|                       |  |  |                   |  |  |                   |  |  | <b>Yes / No</b>                              |       |          |  |         |          |
|                       |  |  |                   |  |  |                   |  |  | Number of Children _____ Ages _____          |       |          |  |         |          |
| <b>City</b>           |  |  | <b>State</b>      |  |  | <b>Zip</b>        |  |  | <b>School Your Child(ren) Attends:</b>       |       |          |  |         |          |
|                       |  |  |                   |  |  |                   |  |  |  |       |          |  |         |          |
| <b>Home phone</b>     |  |  | <b>Work phone</b> |  |  | <b>Cell phone</b> |  |  | <b>Gender:</b>                               |       |          |  |         |          |
|                       |  |  |                   |  |  |                   |  |  | Male   |       | Female   |  |         |          |
| <b>Fax</b>            |  |  | <b>Email</b>      |  |  |                   |  |  | <b>Race / Ethnic Background: (check one)</b> |       |          |  |         |          |
|                       |  |  |                   |  |  |                   |  |  | Asian  | Black | Hispanic |  | White   | Other    |

Describe how you have been involved with your child's education, with schools in your community, or with other groups (e.g. child care, health, recreation).

What do you think is the most important educational issue facing our community?

Why do you want to participate in Parents SEE?

**Who should attend? Participant selection.**

Parents, grandparents, School Governance Council members and those directly raising children are encouraged to apply. Class participants will attend a short interview by the Community Design Team to determine how they can effectively add to the group chosen.

**Program Details**

The Program starts with a retreat on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. followed by 12 evening sessions on Tuesday nights. Light dinner and child care (if needed) is included. The classes are held in a Danbury School. The site coordinator works with 2 trained facilitators to deliver the hands-on interactive program. Each night's topic focuses on a question. Together, they uncover skills in Leadership, Partnering, Change and Educational Policies and Practices. Parents SEE was developed by the CT Commission on Children and the CT Center for School Change and funded through the State of CT Children's Trust Fund and numerous other supporters who have donated food and materials. Thank you to the Danbury Board of Education for their input into the success of the Program and to the Community Design Team.

**More information**

Call the ELP office at 203-830-6508 for more information. Formal CEU's are available for attendance. We look forward to your participation!!!

Deadline for enrollment is February 4, 2013