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PRESS RELEASE

New Interpretation Service Available for the First Time at District's September Board Meeting

Camden City School District invests in interpreting equipment, increasing access for non-English speaking parents and community members

September 23, 2014--Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ – Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard today announced that a Spanish interpretation service will be available for the first time at tonight's Advisory Board of Education meeting.

Delivering on his [Camden Commitment](#) promise to provide more and better information to Camden parents, Rouhanifard announced that the District has invested in 50 interpretation transmitters, which will allow it to provide real-time interpretation at public events. Beginning tonight, every District Board meeting will be staffed by a professional Spanish-English interpreter.

"Improving Camden's schools requires clear lines of communication between the District, our parents, and the wider school community," Rouhanifard said. "The new interpretation equipment now available at Board meetings and other District events is a major step forward in our efforts to meet parents where they are. We remain committed to providing parents with more and better information about what the District is doing to give their children access to excellent schools."

"Investing in an interpretation service is one of the most important things the District can do to better serve Camden's parents," said Maria Sharma, President of the Bilingual District Parent Advisory Council. "There are a lot of hardworking Camden parents who want to be more involved in their child's education, but whose language skills have always been a barrier. Today's news will knock these barriers down and help more Camden parents fully engage in the debate about how to improve our schools."

Starting at 5:30 p.m. this evening, The Advisory Board of Education will meet in the auditorium of Dudley Elementary School, located at 2250 Berwick Street in Camden.

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