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Institute Promotes Community Leadership for Education

Harrisburg - The Institute for Community Leadership in Education begins its 2002-2003 program in south central Pennsylvania on Wednesday, October 9, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit, Summerdale.

The Institute, which is sponsored by The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC), currently has sites in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and the Lehigh Valley. According to Ron Cowell, EPLC President, "The Institute is designed for current and emerging community leaders who want to increase their knowledge about important statewide and local education policy issues." Applications are encouraged from a broad range of citizens, including parents of school-age children, business and professional persons, educators, civic leaders, local elected officials, prospective school board candidates and others.

South central regional partners supporting the Harrisburg area Institute for Community Leadership in Education are the Council for Public Education of Greater Harrisburg (CPE), the Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 and the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit #16.

CPE President Patricia Garcia, commenting on her organization's role in the Institute operations, said, "The Council for Public Education of Greater Harrisburg welcomes the opportunity to partner with EPLC in offering this Institute in south central Pennsylvania. This program will help us to achieve our mission of advocating for high quality public education by mobilizing business and community support and involvement."

The Institute program consists of nine sessions, beginning on Wednesday, October 9, 2002, and continuing through Wednesday, April 23, 2003. Topics include Governance of Public Education, Standards, Assessment and Accountability, Engaging Parents and Community, K-16 Partnerships, School Finance, Early Childhood Education and School Readiness, School Leadership, Education Options and Innovations, Technology in the Schools and a Day at the State Capitol. Monthly sessions will be held at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit, 55 Miller Street, Summerdale, PA. All sessions, except the opening session and the Day at the State

Capitol, are from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. The tuition for the program is \$499.

For more information and an application, contact The Education Policy and Leadership Center at 717-260-9900.

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