

# PROFESSIONAL ISSUES SESSIONS

December 2022 HOD

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## 10 – 11:30 a.m. **What, the EL? Supporting English Learners in All Spaces**

As of October 2020, Pennsylvania's public school educators were charged to support over 70,000 English Learner students speaking 221 different languages and dialects—nearly 40% more learners than they served only five years earlier. This growth of English Learners has not been matched with increased educator training and support to serve these students in many districts. Strategies to support English Learners in classrooms and other school settings exist and often build upon practices that educators and support staff already use. Join presenters from NEA's Teach Quality Program and PSEA's own EL educators supporting you on the Council for Instruction and Professional Development in this engaging session mixing seated and hands-on learning to help you serve the English Learners in your school. Learn more about who the English Learners in your school are and how to understand their needs, experiences, and more while building your strategy toolkit at the same time.

This session qualifies for 1.5 Act 48 hours or a certificate that may be submitted to your building principal for possible Chapter 14 hours. Both EA and ESP members are encouraged to join!

### **Presenters:**

Dr. Brenda Custodio, *Teacher Quality Presenter, NEA*

Judith O'Loughlin, *Teacher Quality Presenter, NEA*

Amanda McGee, *Midwestern Region IPD Representative, EL Teacher, Sharon EA*

Jessica Nuñez, *Northwestern Region IPD Representative, EL Teacher, Erie City EA*

**Moderator:** Aaron F. Chapin, *Vice President, PSEA*

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## 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Strengthening the Educator Workforce: An Open Space Discourse**

Staffing shortages, expanding demands, and a critical public image all contribute to the ever-growing challenges facing the educator workforce. National, state, and local efforts to address these needs exist and are strengthened by input from educators. This session brings you—the educators—together with individuals from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) to learn how Pennsylvania intends to address the challenges facing the educator workforce, discuss what keeps you in education, and engage in finding solutions. The Open Space design allows you to explore the areas most meaningful to you while also overviewing an effective strategy for engaging students in meaningful discourse. Connect with your fellow educators around the issues important to you with a focus on positive aspects that you can share with union colleagues and students alike.

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### **Presenters:**

Tomás Hanna, *Chief Talent Officer, PDE*

Christine Moon, *Educational Consultant, PaTTAN West*

**Moderator:** Jeffrey D. Ney, *Treasurer, PSEA*

**Act 48 credit will not be provided for those arriving late or departing early.**