

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2001 the Department of Education established the Professional Educators Partnership (PEP) with twenty five schools. Today there are fourteen elementary, ten middle schools and ten high schools from across the region were invited to participate.

The mission of the partnership is to establish mutually beneficial relationships between Valparaiso University and community educators. The partnership has evolved into many new professional relationships with administrators, professors, principals, teachers and teacher candidates. The partnership sponsors several professional development opportunities for the community including the Autumn Harvest Middle School Conference, IASP Regional Workshop, and a spring Literacy Workshop. See upcoming events for more information.

### **Mission Statement**

The Professional Educators Partnership (PEP) seeks to establish mutually beneficial relationships between Valparaiso University and community educators for the purpose of more effectively preparing teacher candidates while benefiting area schools with access to Valparaiso University resources.

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