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# PEI news & updates

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July 6, 2021

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Friday, August 6th, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

*Plus our  
Annual Silent Auction!*



### 2021 Annual Conference Presenters

**Joel Fry**, Co-founder of TEAM Restoration spoke at our 2014 annual conference on the topic of compassion fatigue in education. The response from our members was incredible. Educators came away recognizing their own personal struggles had a name! Others recognized peers who possibly were struggling with the issue.

Joel will walk us through what compassion fatigue looks like; who it affects; and engage participants in the exploration of their own levels of compassion fatigue.

**Barb Ranck**, a certified Enneagram Coach, will help us understand why people react differently to the same situation. Participants will become more aware of why we react the way we do, and why others may react differently.

As participants gain more self-awareness of their own - and others' - triggers, it will ultimately lead to increased compassion, personal energy, and improved collaboration.

"In less than an hour, you will come to understand it's not about you - and it's all about you!"



### *Featuring: Double Cappuccino!*



Comedians Patrick Albanese and John Bush from the hit comedy *Triple Espresso* will entertain and captivate you with laughter with their all new comedy *Double Cappuccino!*

Patrick Albanese will mystify you with his ever evolving magic act while John Bush's tool box is filled with impressions, characters, and shadow puppets! Put together, it becomes a never ending package of hilarious laughs!

[Click here to view the full conference schedule.](#)

Human Trafficking in Our Schools -



## What, How, & Available Resources with the Set Me Free Project

*PEI Leadership Seminar - August 7, 2021*

This seminar will provide awareness, education, and resources for educators to recognize and appropriately respond to trafficking scenarios they may encounter in the schools and communities in which they serve.



Through lecture, video, facilitated discussions and a survivor testimony, those attending will learn:

- Human trafficking – what it is and what it is not.
- How to educate through a trauma-informed lens.
- How to create protocol when a student discloses.
- How to educate other educators and students, using available curriculum on:
  - Facts vs. Myths
  - Common Vulnerabilities
  - Social Media and Other Grooming Techniques
  - Pornography's Link to Trafficking
  - Healthy Relationships & Value
  - Empathy & Responsibility.



The PEI Leadership Seminar will be held on the day following the conference, August 7th, at the PEI Conference Center at 974 73rd St. Suite 30, WDM 50265. By attending both days (August 6/7), participants will receive 1 license renewal credit.

[Register for the Conference!](#)

## PEI Board of Director Candidates

We currently have two positions open on PEI's Board of Directors. You may vote for two candidates

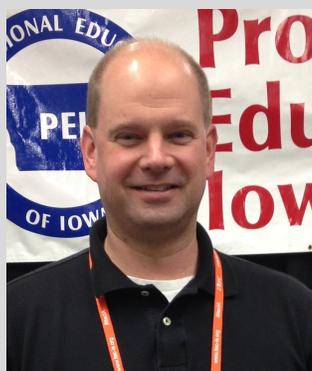


### Jennifer Campbell

Hi, my name is Jennifer Campbell. I have been proud to be a member of PEI since I began teaching, which is now entering my 20th year! I am a proud native Iowan from the southeast corner of the state, and have spent my entire career just a few miles away from home in the town of New London, a small but mighty district that I am thrilled to work and live in!

As a member of the English department, I have taught a bit of everything in grades 7-12, but currently teach 7th & 8th grade Reading along with 11th Grade English. My ultimate goal for my classroom is to nurture my students' ability to critically analyze information for themselves to make an informed opinion and decision using quality support. I do not take for granted the freedom of being in a right-to-work state, and it is essential we maintain that freedom in Iowa.

On a personal note, my husband, Scott and I have been married for 14 years (this August), and have three very spoiled pups. I look forward to the opportunity to take this next step in my career to bring my small-school viewpoint to the table in this capacity. If elected, I am excited to begin this new adventure! Thank you for your consideration!



### Eric Peterson

It has been an honor to serve you as the board president of PEI for the last several years. The privilege of working alongside fellow board members and the PEI staff to carry out the mission of PEI has been a passion of mine for much of my teaching career. This passion comes from experiencing the trials of starting my teaching career in 1996 in another state where my "Right to Work" was not recognized. I was forced to pay the union for the privilege of being a teacher, even though I did not want to join. I also experience intimidation and

harassment from my peers when I questioned anything about the union and the political positions they took. It stunned me that this could happen in our great country.

When I returned to my home state of Iowa to teach in 1998 in Le Mars, I celebrated the freedom I had to join PEI! With PEI's focus on "doing what is best for children", I would consider it an honor to continue serving the members of PEI on the Board of Directors. I humbly ask for your vote, for it is my ongoing desire to support the members, staff, and mission of PEI as we continue to grow in the coming years.

#### **Vote for two candidates for the PEI Board of Directors**

\_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Campbell

\_\_\_\_\_ Eric Peterson

You may cast your vote by emailing [info@peiowa.org](mailto:info@peiowa.org). Please sign your name to the email. The final day to vote will be Friday, August 6, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

#### **By-Law Changes**

A meeting of the membership will take place immediately following the annual conference. The board will make its annual report and present proposed updates to the by-laws. Members will have the opportunity to consider and to vote on the proposed changes to the by-laws. Members must be present to vote.

### ***Upcoming Professional Development Classes***

See full course offering list [here](#).

#### **\*\*Silent Auction 2021\*\***

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