Dr. Patterson tells fall staffing plans

Dr. Roland N. Patterson, school superintendent, has announced that staffing for the 1972-73 school year includes 9,017 professional positions.

He said that some vacancies still remain but will be filled before the Baltimore City Public Schools open to students on Sept. 6.

The school superintendent emphasized that every effort has been made to maintain the number of classroom positions that existed last year.

Student enrollment last year was 190,943. It is expected to drop to 189,800 this year.

To remain within the confines of the budget, Dr. Patterson said that 48 administrators have been temporarily reassigned.

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On the elementary level, 29 administrators are filling senior teacher and classroom teacher positions.

Dr. Patterson said that 19 assistant principals, six special assistants and two specialists will fill senior teacher posts, and one physical education specialist has been reassigned to a teaching position.

Eighteen special assistants from the Division of Secondary Education will move into school level posts, 17 as department heads and one as a classroom teacher, and one specialist in Testing will become an elementary reading teacher.

Dr. Patterson pointed out that the department head positions were exising vacancies, and that no department heads were moved out of their jobs.

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The school superintendent also announced that 230 provisional teachers were not rehired this year. Of the 230, 85 were nondegree elementary teachers and 87 were nondegree special education.

Dr. Patterson explained that it is the continuing policy of the department to replace provisional teachers, whenever possible, with people who are fully certified by the State of Maryland.

He added that all provisional teachers are hired with the understanding that their positions are for one school year.

Dr. Patterson revealed that an analysis of staffing for the 1972-73 school year shows no reduction in professional positions in elementary, secondary and vocational schools.

Positions decreased in other areas as follows: 94 in Pupil Personnel Services, nine in Central Office staff, four in Adult Education and eight in School Community Services.

He disclosed that 57 Special Education positions had been eliminated because these teachers are being assigned to schools where former Special Education students are moving into the mainstream of education under a new program.

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The superintendent said there will also be a decrease in classified positions this year. His figures show 55 less clerical and secretarial staff and 77 fewer aides, custodial and maintenance personnel.

The limitations imposed by the 1972-73 budget, a budget of $5 million less than that which was required to maintain the same level of operation last year, caused reductions in other areas of the department including the summer school and community school programs, officials said.

There have also been reductions in the purchase of instructional equipment and supplies, plant maintenance equipment and general funds for food services, they added.

In addition, reductions were ordered in the model schools staff. Sabbatical leaves for teachers, elementary school counselors and an improved system of trash removal have been completely eliminated, reports said.

Office aiding storm victims to close soon

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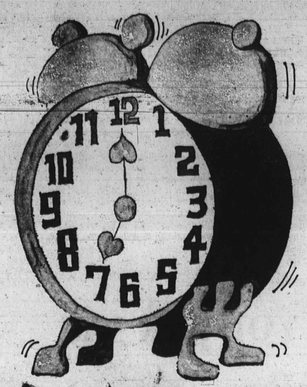
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