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Salve Regina College and Portsmouth Middle School will present a model program for competency-based teacher education during a day long conference of the Southeastern New England Staff Development Cooperative (SENESDC) at the Portsmouth Middle School on Friday, November 30.

Competency-based teacher education is an experimental method for teaching teachers. It stresses field experience and an evaluation of performance based on a number of specifically defined "competencies." The more traditional forms of teacher education emphasize the theory and philosophy of teaching.

SENESDC is a consortium of schools and colleges whose major purpose is to explore competency-based teacher education. Member schools are:

Salve Regina College
Brown University
R. I. Junior College
R. I. Teacher Center
(State Dept. of Education)
Providence - Mt. Pleasant High

Portsmouth Middle School
Pawtucket - Anna Burns School
Cranston West High School
Providence - Gilbert Stuart Middle
Rhode Island College
Framingham State College

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Program

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (PMS Little Theatre)
- Greetings - Henry V. Diodati, Principal, Portsmouth Middle School
 - What is SENESDC? - Dr. Mary Lou O'Connor, Chairman, SENESDC
 - What is PBTE or CBTE? - Dr. Walter Crocker, RIC
 - National and Regional Trends in PBTE - Dr. John Pitman, Field Representative, NEPTE and Consultant, R. I. Teacher Center of the R. I. State Dept. of Education
 - Salve Regina-PMS Program - Dr. William Burrell and Donald Vacchi
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Tour of PMS and Observations of Student Trainees
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon - (PMS Little Theatre)
- Subgroup Discussion & Feedback Form - Vacchi, Burrell, O'Connor, Crocker, Pitman
- 12:00 noon - 12:00 p.m. (PMS Little Theatre)
- General Session - What's Next for SENESDC? - Dr. Mary Lou O'Connor

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