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NY Board Of Ed Allows Grandparents, Other Kin To Serve On PTAs

The Board of Education in New York recently decided that students' relatives may serve on parent-teacher associations if they play a significant role in the children's lives and schooling.

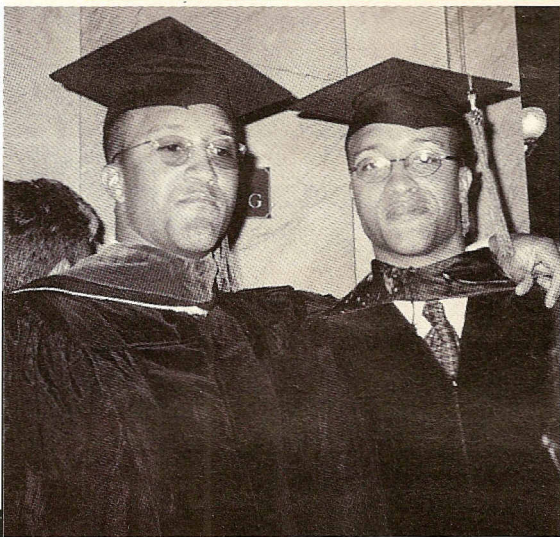
The new policy, one of several amendments to the rule book governing parent associations written in 1950, was approved unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Under the old rule, only parents and legal guardians—including grandparents with legal custody of their grandchildren—could serve in parent organizations, according to *Newsday*. But the new policy, the newspaper reported, allows parents to designate someone acting *in loco parentis* for the

parent, such as an aunt or grandmother, who can serve on the parent-teacher organization and make some educational decisions.

The Board of Education first began to consider allowing grandparents and other relatives to serve in the parent-teacher associations after two grandmothers were ousted from a parent-teacher association at PS 80 in Queens. When *Newsday* reported that Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew ruled that the two, Earlene Price and Wilhelmina Kornegay, were ineligible to serve in the association because they did not have custody of their grandchildren, parent groups around the city rallied in their defense (*JET*, May 11).

"I consider it a victory not just for grandparents, but for parents, for our children and for our community," Kornegay told *Newsday*.



◀ **TWIN DOCTORS:** Twin brothers Vance and Vincent Moss pose after their graduation from the Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. The two will head to New York to complete their residencies. In addition to accomplishing the life-long dream of medical school, the brothers have had quite an impact on the community and have become respected role models with their campaign, Youth Leadership Initiative Campaign. The campaign promotes non-violence and strengthens the image of Black men. It also helps young people, particularly males between the ages of 12-15, make decisions about careers.