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**PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECOGNIZES
112 EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVERS**

*90 Students Attain “5’s” (Exceeding Expectations) on
2016 PARCC English Language Arts **AND** Math*

PATERSON, New Jersey, November 30, 2016 —Paterson Public Schools is pleased to announce a public celebration of exceptional scores attained by 112 students on the 2016 administrations of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) examinations. This annual event took a brief hiatus as the new PARCC exam was being “baselined” during its first year of implementation.

Now with the release of the latest PARCC scores, the district is once again celebrating an outstanding cohort of students who have done exceedingly well on both state assessments. The recognition and awards presentations will take place during the 6:00 p.m. hour, immediately prior to the regular Board of Education Meeting on November 30th.

Among the students to be recognized this evening:

- 90 received “5” (Exceeding Expectations) on PARCC ELA **AND** Math
 - 5 of these received a **Perfect Score** on PARCC ELA
 - 1 received a **Perfect Score** on PARCC Math and NJ ASK Science
 - 7 also received a **Perfect Score** on NJASK Science
- 22 additional students received a **Perfect Score** on NJASK Science
 - 2 received **Perfect Score** on NJASK Science when tested in the 4th and again in the 8th grade

One young man, Angel Leonor, who is now a 9th grader at International High School, has achieved a perfect score on PARCC ELA, and a “5” on PARCC Math. This outstanding student also attained perfect scores in NJASK Science when he was in the 4th grade, and again in the 8th grade.

State District Superintendent Dr. Donnie Evans remarked, “These students are the embodiment of everything we are striving to accomplish as we seek to fulfill our stated mission to prepare each student for success in the college or university of their choosing and in their chosen career. I’m pleased that we have brought back this special recognition event and as I congratulate these 112 students, I hope that they will serve as academic role models to their peers. With the progress being made district-wide, it is my expectation that we will see an even larger cohort of ‘exceptional achievers’ next year.”

About Paterson Public Schools

Paterson Public Schools is the third largest school district in New Jersey. The school district's strategic plan focuses on four priorities including Effective Academic Programs.

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