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Linden Public School District Designated “High Performing” by New Jersey Department of Education

The Linden Public Schools is proud to announce that the district has met the requirements of the NJ Department of Education’s (NJDOE) Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) review and has been designated as a “high performing” school district. This designation results from an extensive review of five areas: instruction and program, fiscal management, operations, personnel, and governance. The QSAC Review Process requires large amounts of documentation to rate school districts on more than 500 factors.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rocco Tomazic said the “High Performing District” designation is something that we are very proud about and is the result of much time, hard work, and collaboration among all of our stakeholders.” The district received the news in a letter from Bari A. Erlichson, Chief Performance Officer at the NJDOE. As a result of this designation, NJDOE Commissioner Christopher Cerf will recommend to the NJ State Board of Education that the Linden Public School District be certified as providing a thorough and efficient system of education. The certification is for a period of three years when the district will undergo its next QSAC review.

Linden has eleven schools (one high school, two middle schools and eight elementary schools). All schools are operating clear of any sanctions from the NJ Department of Education.

The news of being a high performing district arrived in tandem with the March 2012 Cycle II High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) results for Linden High School. Linden High School scores in Mathematics went up 1.4% and Language Arts Literacy went up 5.3%.

Linden High School HSPA scores have improved each year over the past three years in both Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics. Linden High School’s rate of HSPA improvement has exceeded that of the state average and the district factor group of high schools similar to Linden in socio-economic status.

HSPA Math (Statewide), 3 years = +6.6%	HSPA Language Arts Literacy (Statewide), 3 years = +7.9%
HSPA Math (DFG B), 3 years = +8.5%	HSPA Language Arts Literacy (DFG B), 3 years = +12.7%
HSPA Math (Linden), 3 years = +10.1%	HSPA Language Arts Literacy (Linden), 3 years = +18.5%

Linden High School also received notification this summer that eight 2012 graduating seniors earned the coveted International Baccalaureate Diploma for their work at Linden High School. This represents the highest number of diplomas earned by Linden students since the IB program was established at Linden High School ten years ago.

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