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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Andrew Smarick
Acting Commissioner

SUBJECT: 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

I am pleased to provide you with information regarding the 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program that seeks to recognize student volunteers in grades 5-12 who have demonstrated exemplary community service. The awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial Inc., in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), are presented annually on the local, state and national level.

If you are aware of deserving students who would be interested in applying for this award program, please advise them that the online application and related materials may be found at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit. Note the **November 1, 2011** application deadline.

I encourage you to inform your students about this program, which is the nation's largest recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. We are hoping that young New Jerseyans will once again be award recipients in 2012. Thank you for your support of this initiative.

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