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### **WestMilfordHigh School Senior Recognized by State Board of Education**

The State Board of Education today recognized Sara Steele, a senior at West Milford High School in Passaic County. Sara is an outstanding student who has achieved excellence in a variety of school and community activities.

Sara is ranked first in her class and maintains a GPA of 4.48. She is also a literary arts magazine editor and a lead in her school's musical adaptation of "Footloose."

"Sara Steele's triumphs combine a strong academic record with a plethora of extra-curricular and community involvements that is a model for all students," said State Board of Education President Arnold G. Hyndman. "Her ability to maintain high grades and balance her involvements in other diverse areas are more than worthy of commendation and recognition by this body."

"The Department of Education joins the State Board in recognizing Sara's accomplishments and talent," said Acting Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy. "She embodies a "renaissance" spirit in that she excels and succeeds in many aspects of high school student life and in her preparation for a successful college career."

In addition to her academic and artistic achievements, Sara served as a counselor at the Weis Ecology Center and participated in the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC.

Sara is a national Honor Society member and has participated in West Milford's Beautification Day and a UPS Christmas Food Drive.

Each month during the school year, the State Board of Education honors a student or group of students from a county in New Jersey to recognize academic excellence. In January, the State Board of Education recognized Lionel Zhang, a 5th grade student at the Lawrence Intermediate School in Mercer County.

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