



## Christie Administration Announces Grants for 17 Title I Reward Schools

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**Trenton, NJ** – The New Jersey Department of Education’s Office of Supplemental Education Programs today announced the list of 17 schools that are each recipients of \$50,000 in Title I Reward Schools Grants.

The \$850,000 in grants may be used by school districts for programs, services, activities, professional development, materials, and/or supplies to support the school’s Title I program and sustain the high level of achievement at the school. Districts target federal Title I funds to schools with the highest percentages of children from low-income families.

“Congratulations are in order for the staff and students of each of these schools,” said Education Commissioner David C. Hespe. “These schools are using the federal support to help their most challenged children, and we are seeing these efforts reflected in the academic success of the students.”

The 17 schools achieved the state’s designation of either “High Performing” Reward Schools, which recognizes high student achievement across the entire school, or “High Progress” Reward Schools, which recognizes schools that have demonstrated high levels of student growth from year to year.

High Performing Reward Schools are recipients of Title I federal funding that had attained progress targets for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years; achieve a minimum proficiency rate above 90 percent for all students, and a proficiency rate in the top 10 percent of performance for each eligible subgroup relative to the subgroup’s performance across the state. High Progress Reward Schools are Title I funding recipients that demonstrated a substantial rate of progress in student achievement as measured by the Student Growth Percentile methodology developed by the state Department of Education.

The 2014-2015 Title I Reward Schools will be recognized on June 9 at the New Jersey Association of Federal Program Administrators’ (NJAFPA) Spring Training Conference.

### This year’s recognized High Performing Title I Reward Schools include:

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT/COMMUNITY</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
<b>BERGEN</b>	Fair Lawn School District	Lyncrest Elementary
<b>BERGEN</b>	Ramsey School District	Wesley D. Tisdale Elementary School
<b>BURLINGTON</b>	Roebling	Riverbank Charter School of Excellence
<b>ESSEX</b>	Essex County Vocational Technical School District	Bloomfield Tech and Newark Tech
<b>ESSEX</b>	Newark	Robert Treat Academy Charter School
<b>HUDSON</b>	Jersey City School District	Dr. Ronald E. McNair High School
<b>HUDSON</b>	Union City School District	Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, Weehawken
<b>HUNTERDON</b>	North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District	North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School, Annandale
<b>PASSAIC</b>	Paterson Public School District	School of Health Science
<b>SOMERSET</b>	Somerset	Central Jersey College Prep Charter School
<b>UNION</b>	Elizabeth Public School District	Elizabeth High School, Terence C. Reilly School # 7, and William F. Halloran School No.22
<b>UNION</b>	Union County Vocational-Technical School District	Union County Tech, Scotch Plains

**This year's recognized High Progress Title I Reward Schools include:**

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Cranbury School District

Cranbury School

**PASSAIC**

Clifton

Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton