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## New Jersey State Board of Education Announces Award Recipients

**Trenton, NJ** – The New Jersey State Board of Education along with the Acting Commissioner of Education, Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan recognized various educator award recipients, and also acknowledged the 2020 [National Blue Ribbon Schools](#) and the [National Green Ribbon Schools](#) during Wednesday’s [monthly board meeting](#).

**Kathy Goldenberg, President of the New Jersey State Board of Education, said:** “We take great pride in our teachers, principals, and educators who help make our schools among the best in the United States. We thank them for their hard work and the individual and collective sacrifices they’ve made to equip our students with the tools and support needed to succeed.”

“In my 25-year career in public education, I have seen firsthand the positive power that educators and schools can have on student lives,” **said Acting Education Commissioner Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan.** “Now more than ever, we need to celebrate our state’s great educators and schools. On behalf of the New Jersey Department of Education, congratulations and thank you to these educators and schools for going above and beyond.”

The 2020 State Board Recognition recipients are:

Award	Recipient
Superintendent of the Year	Joseph Meloche, Cherry Hill School District
School Business Administrator of the Year	Thomas Eldridge, Lawrence Township School District
Visionary Principal of the Year – Elementary Level	Christian Paskalides Middle Township Elementary School, Middle Township School District
Visionary Principal of the Year – Secondary Level	Michael Vinella East Brunswick High School, East Brunswick School District
2020-2021 State Teacher of the Year Finalist	Christina Gauss Spanish Teacher Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, Rumson-Fair Haven Regional School District
2020-2021 State Teacher of the Year Finalist	Megan Graziano Science Teacher Clifton High School, Clifton School District

2020-2021 State Teacher of the Year Finalist	Rachel Kremetz Special Education Teacher Ocean Academy, Cape May County Special Services School District
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Both the Blue and Green Ribbon Schools are announced by the United States Department of Education annually during the fall.

The New Jersey public schools that received the 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools designation include:

County	District	School
<b>Bergen</b>	Bogota Public School District	Lillian M. Steen Elementary School
<b>Bergen</b>	Fair Lawn Public School District	Henry B. Milnes Elementary School
<b>Essex</b>	North Caldwell Public Schools	Gould School
<b>Hudson</b>	Hudson County Schools of Technology	County Prep High School
<b>Hunterdon</b>	Tewksbury Township School District	Old Turnpike School
<b>Monmouth</b>	Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District	Clark Mills School
<b>Morris</b>	Denville Township School District	Riverview Elementary School
<b>Ocean</b>	Island Heights School District	Island Heights Elementary School
<b>Union</b>	Linden Public School District	School No. 5

The New Jersey public schools that received the 2020 National Green Ribbon Schools designation include:

County	District	School
<b>Cape May</b>	Cape May City School District	Cape May City Elementary School
<b>Hunterdon County</b>	Readington School District	Readington Middle School

