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New Jersey Department of Education Names National ESEA Distinguished School for 2025

Trenton, NJ – The New Jersey Department of Education today announced that Jotham W. Wakeman School - PS6 of the Jersey City Public Schools in Hudson County has been named a 2025 National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished School. The Jotham W. Wakeman School is recognized for excellence in serving its multilingual learner population of students. The school's innovative programs and dedicated educators have created a thriving learning environment where multilingual students excel academically, socially, and linguistically, setting a standard for excellence in education statewide.

"This recognition celebrates the power of collaboration among parents, teachers, administrators, and students in driving academic excellence, particularly with their multilingual learner population," **said Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner of Education.** "The Jotham W. Wakeman School exemplifies how a shared commitment to meeting the needs of each student can empower those students to achieve their potential. We commend the entire school community for achieving this prestigious award."

The [National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program](#) is sponsored by the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators. Schools are selected at the state level based on student progress and other ESEA indicators of school performance.

The Jotham W. Wakeman School will receive up to \$15,000 to support Title I, Part A programs, which are designed to assist schools with high percentages of children from lower-income families. The school will also be recognized along with other ESEA Distinguished Schools from across the nation at the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators Conference in February 2025, where the attending staff from the recognized school will have an opportunity to participate in workshops and professional development.



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