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ANNUAL PATERNSON CELEBRATION OF “PERFECT SCORES” REACHES RECORD NUMBERS

251 Students Attain Outstanding Achievement including 84 “Repeat Performers”

PATERNSON, New Jersey, November 12, 2014 – Paterson’s annual NJASK “Perfect Scores” celebration will take place this evening prior to the regular Board of Education meeting. The District began this annual event in 2011, and tonight it will recognize a “record high” 251 students for having obtained perfect scores on specific sections of the 2014 NJASK – New Jersey’s state assessment of skills and knowledge for grades 3 - 8. The total number of students being recognized is up 124% since the first celebration in 2011, and up 40% year over year. This year’s outstanding achievers include 84 “repeat performers”. Additionally, the Paterson Academy for the Gifted & Talented will be recognized for achieving 100% proficiency for specific grades for math and science.

Among the students being recognized this evening:

- 163 received perfect scores on the math assessment for one year;
- 12 received perfect scores on the science assessment;
- 8 received perfect scores on math and science; and
- 84 achieved perfect math scores for two or more consecutive years – with 11 Paterson students achieving this feat four years in a row and one for six years in a row.

State District Superintendent Dr. Donnie Evans commented, “When we started this celebration in 2011, we had just begun implementing our ‘Bright Futures’ Strategic Plan with its top priority to accelerate student achievement. Tonight we are recognizing more than double the number of students who achieved this feat four years ago. This is yet another example of the great progress being made in Paterson as we prepare our children for both college and career. I congratulate these students and their parents and guardians for this outstanding accomplishment.”

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About Paterson Public Schools
The Paterson Public School District is a diverse urban school district located in northern New Jersey. As the third largest school district in New Jersey, the district enrolls approximately 29,000 students in 54 schools to accommodate students in Pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The school district’s strategic plan focuses on four priorities: Effective Academic Programs; Safe, Caring & Orderly Schools; Family & Community Engagement; and Efficient & Responsive Operations. For more information, visit www.paterson.k12.nj.us.

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