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**East Greenwich High School Named
Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll School**

EAST GREENWICH, R.I. (October 7, 2024): East Greenwich High School (EGHS) has been named to the AP School Honor Roll in recognition of the school’s outstanding efforts to expand access to Advanced Placement courses and support students on their path to post-secondary success. During the 2023-2024 academic year, East Greenwich High School offered 22 AP courses and administered 425 AP exams to 172 students, predominantly juniors and seniors. Eighty-four percent (84%) of the exams were scored at a level of 3 or higher, which research from the National Center for Educational Accountability has shown to be a strong predictor of the associated student’s ability to persist in college and earn a bachelor’s degree.

“We are extremely proud of our students and faculty for their hard work and commitment to academic excellence. This is one of the elements of our Vision of a Graduate that we strive for in EGPS,” said Dr. Brian G. Ricca, Superintendent of East Greenwich Public Schools. “This honor showcases the school’s commitment to preparing students for higher education and future careers through a wide range of AP course offerings and dedicated academic support,” added Sarah Courtemanche-O’Brien, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning.

Sixty-two percent (62%) of the Class of 2024 took at least one AP exam, noted Dr. Patricia Page, EGHS Principal. “This number is one indicator of our school’s focus on creating opportunities for a wide range of students to engage in college-level and post-secondary work. In addition to AP courses, East Greenwich High School continues to expand its concurrent and dual enrollment offerings, allowing students to earn college credits while still in high school.”

About AP and College Success: Research consistently shows that students who take AP courses and exams are more likely to attend college and graduate on time. Students who enter college with credits through AP, concurrent and/or dual enrollment offerings often accelerate their path to graduation and

build the skills necessary for success in college-level coursework. Even for students who do not earn college credit, participation in AP courses fosters a college-going culture and provides valuable exposure to challenging academic work.

About East Greenwich High School: East Greenwich High School (EGHS) is a comprehensive, public high school serving students in grades 9-12. The school community boasts a variety of accolades, including being designated as a national Unified Champion School in 2023, a 5-Star School against state and federal accountability metrics, and an Exemplary High Performing Blue Ribbon School in 2018 by the U.S. Department of Education. The school is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and has been named to the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll.

The keystone of the school's culture is expressed in the district's mission:

The mission of the East Greenwich Public Schools is to genuinely know, support, and celebrate all students in meeting their full potential. We are committed to meaningful collaboration among faculty, staff, students, families, and the community, recognizing our collective responsibility to continue to deliver a high-quality education system for all.

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