

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 12, 2022

Contact: Paul Brubaker
973-518-2298

**INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WINS AUTHORIZATION AS AN
IB WORLD SCHOOL FOR ITS CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME**

Only one other New Jersey school district has the IBCP authorization

New distinction adds career-related dimensions to IHS' International Baccalaureate program

PATERSON – The International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) has notified the International High School (IHS) administration that it has authorized the school as an IB World School for the IB's Career-Related Programme (IBCP). The distinction allows the school to add a career-related core curriculum and career-related studies to its existing IB Diploma Programme. The school's chosen career field for the IBCP is engineering, but it can add additional career programs based on student interest.

The authorization comes after a two-year application process that involved IB Programme representatives evaluating the school's Career Technical Education (CTE) program and academics. The IB representatives also met with IHS teachers, parents, students, school leadership, as well as members of the district administration and Board of Education.

"I want to congratulate everyone who worked so hard for so long to earn the IBCP authorization and the students who will be participating in the program in the fall," said Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer. "This will enable IHS students focused on an engineering career to gain valuable insights in their chosen field, as well as develop perspectives and experiences in workplace dynamics, including team building and collaboration. It will be a wonderful way for them to lay the groundwork of their careers."

More information about the IBCP can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/career-related-programme/>

Dr. Cate Forfia-Dion, IHS principal, said that only one other New Jersey school district has the IBCP Programme, and that 24 rising juniors at IHS have been designated to be in the program's first cohort. Those students have passed an engineering exam designed by Project Lead The Way, a nonprofit organization that develops STEM curricula, and have started taking engineering classes developed by the organization.

"We have a great group of motivated students who will make the most of this outstanding opportunity," Forfia-Dion said. "International High School's authorized IBCP lays the groundwork for the school to be a gateway to engineering and any other career field that may be of interest to our students in the future."

###