



PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH THE SEAL OF BILITERACY HAS TRIPLED OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS

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Perth Amboy, New Jersey – On Thursday, June 7, 2018, 111 seniors were awarded the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy during the annual Senior Awards Night Ceremony. The New Jersey Department of Education State Seal of Biliteracy identifies graduating high school students who are able to demonstrate proficiency in English in addition to one or more world languages. By achieving the Seal of Biliteracy, students demonstrate that they are able to speak, read, listen and write in two or more languages at a high level of proficiency. Under the leadership of Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, the number of Perth Amboy High School students graduating with the Seal of Biliteracy honor has increased each consecutive year since its implementation in 2015. Perth Amboy Public School District has been actively involved with the New Jersey Department of Education Seal of Biliteracy as one of only seven districts who piloted the initiative.

This past May, the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Educators (NJTESOL/NJBE) Advocacy Summit recognized Dr. Roman as the 2018 Recipient of the Superintendent of the Year for the Seal of Biliteracy. NJTESOL/NJBE has recognized superintendents who have actively supported the implementation of the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy. Ms. Elizabeth Franks, NJTESOL/NJBE Advocacy representative, acknowledged Perth Amboy Public School District as being in the forefront of the Dual Language education initiative.

“Dr. Roman’s commitment to dual language learners signifies the expansion of opportunities for all Perth Amboy Public School students to pursue higher education and professions as the need for bilingual and multilingual skills increases globally,” stated Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Learning/Educational Services. Perth Amboy Public School District has the only public, freestanding dual language school in New Jersey.



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