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Perth Amboy, New Jersey – Perth Amboy Public School District has been designated as a Lighthouse District for substantial improvement in academic achievement. Perth Amboy was one of eleven districts statewide to receive this honor at the “Equity for All” conference at the College of New Jersey.

The Lighthouse award winners demonstrated measurable progress across diverse groups of learners and used multiple measures to provide individualized support to students and their school communities. The NJDOE evaluated four years of district and school-level data to identify districts with the greatest academic improvement. Lighthouse districts are representative of New Jersey’s diverse student body. The two-year award term will be from July 2019 to July 2021. (New Jersey Department of Education Press Release, July 31, 2019).

“Perth Amboy Public Schools has embarked upon a renaissance and is committed to providing opportunities for the students of the district to enter our nation with a purposeful voice,” said Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of the Perth Amboy School District. *“I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the faculty of Perth Amboy Public Schools. Their hard work and dedication has played a vital role in being recognized as a Lighthouse District. The district has been working collaboratively with all stakeholders of the school community in an effort to provide strategic and targeted supports for students to achieve greater standards of academic excellence.”*

“Lighthouse Districts can serve as beacons of success for public education in New Jersey,” said Education Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet. *“We congratulate the Perth Amboy School District for being awarded this designation, acknowledging their tremendous academic gains. This honor befits your coastal city, and I encourage your students and educators to continue to shine a light and serve as a model of success for other districts throughout the state.”*

“Our local school leaders are working to help our students receive an education that will prepare them to compete with students across the State of New Jersey. I am extremely proud of all of the members of the Perth Amboy School District, especially our young scholars for reaching such a milestone. Your dedication, enthusiasm and academic performance has proven successful and has truly made a statement in our City and among surrounding communities. Please accept my congratulations on this wonderful recognition,” said Wilda Diaz, Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy.”



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“I offer my sincere congratulations to the Perth Amboy Public School District on being recognized as a Lighthouse District,” said Senator Joseph Vitale (D-Middlesex). *“This achievement highlights the hard work of the professionals throughout the district, who come in every day to place the district on a continued trajectory for success. A great education remains the best foundation for future success and Perth Amboy students will certainly reap the benefits of their excellent school system.”*

“I could not be more proud of the outstanding students, educators and administrators of the Perth Amboy School District for earning this impressive designation,” said Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex). *“Lighthouse Districts set an example for schools across the state to strive for excellence in all they do. I’m thrilled to see one of our local districts recognized for their leadership and achievements.”*

“As a graduate of the Perth Amboy Public School District, I am filled with pride for both the students and staff on this recognition,” said Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D-Middlesex). *“Being recognized as a Lighthouse District demonstrates the dedication of the school community in meeting the needs of their students. Perth Amboy students are receiving a tremendous education that will benefit them for years to come and this achievement becomes a part of the numerous awards the district continues to receive.”*

“To be a lighthouse district is to have clarity in purpose, and one thing is for certain; we on the Perth Amboy Board of Education along with the administration are clear in our purpose: to educate our young scholars in preparation for the brightest of futures. Guided by that vision, our faculty and staff continue to provide rigorous instruction and moral support; to continue increasing graduation rates, test scores, and college enrollment. Congratulations team! Let us continue being the light for our youth and for others.” Mr. Kenneth Puccio, President and Ms. Tashi Vazquez, Vice President, Perth Amboy Board of Education.

About Perth Amboy Public Schools

The Perth Amboy Public School District, located in the City of Perth Amboy, is a historic 4.5 square-mile municipality resting along the shores of the beautiful Raritan Bay in Middlesex County. Our district provides a comprehensive and rigorous education for more than 11,000 students in Grades Pre-K through 12. For more information, please visit our website at www.paps.net.

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