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PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECOGNIZES 134 EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVERS

*113 Students Attain "5's" (Exceeding Expectations) on
2017 PARCC English Language Arts **AND** Math*

PATERSON, New Jersey, November 21, 2017 — Paterson Public Schools will celebrate its annual "Exceptional Achievers" event prior to this evening's Board meeting – recognizing 134 students who achieved exceptional scores on the 2017 administration of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and/or the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) examinations.

Among the students recognized this evening:

- 113 received "5" (Exceeding Expectations) on PARCC ELA **AND** Math
 - 6 of these received a **Perfect Score** on PARCC ELA
 - 5 of these also received a **Perfect Score** on NJASK Science
- 4 additional students achieved a Perfect Score on PARCC ELA; and one on PARCC Math
- 16 additional 4th grade students received a **Perfect Score** on NJASK Science

One young lady, Euribel Diaz, who is now a 5th grader at School 28/Paterson Academy for the Gifted & Talented, achieved the trifecta – a perfect score on PARCC ELA, PARCC Math and NJASK Science. Her schoolmate Tafsir Ahmed, now an 8th grader, achieved a perfect score on PARCC ELA **and** Math.

Acting State District Superintendent Eileen Shafer commented, "Tonight we are recognizing some of Paterson's brightest children and it's an honor to celebrate their success with their families and friends. We know our students can and will achieve when high educational standards are set and with a strong support system behind them – from their teachers to their administrators. This is our top priority as a school district; and we will ensure that our efforts – at all levels of this organization – are focused on improving academic outcomes for all of our children."

About Paterson Public Schools

Paterson Public Schools is the second largest school district in New Jersey with over 28,000 students from pre-k through grade 12. The district's mission is to prepare all children for college and career...together we can! For more information, visit www.paterson.k12.nj.us

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