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NORMAN S. WEIR MATH TEACHER AND STUDENTS NAMED TO NATIONAL HONOR ROLL FOR SIGNIFICANT MATH ACHIEVEMENT BY EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY COMPANY

Angela Larkin and her students are the only school in New Jersey to receive the honor

***Photo attached: Angela Larkin***

PATerson – District officials today announced that Angela Larkin, a middle school math teacher at the Norman S. Weir School, and her students were named to the Renaissance National Honor Roll for outstanding performance in advancing students’ achievement in math. It is the only National Honor Roll distinction to be awarded to a New Jersey school by the Renaissance company.

Renaissance is a national provider of pre-K to 12 education technology. Larkin and her students earned this distinction by guiding effective implementation of Accelerated Math, a program developed by Renaissance. The honor acknowledges work the students had done since September and that continued after school buildings closed due to precautions against the COVID-19 virus in March.

“This is great recognition to receive during a pandemic,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer. “We are so very proud of the work Ms. Larkin has done in improving her student math capabilities, and we’re proud of the hard work of her students as well.”

“I am so very proud of Ms. Larkin and her students! Ms. Larkin is a teacher with a vision who put a plan into action to achieve it even during a pandemic,” said Norman S. Weir School Principal Grace Giglio. “She does a phenomenal job with our students and this accomplishment is something which everyone in the community can be proud!”

“I am elated that my students were able to receive such a prestigious honor, said Larkin, who has taught at the Norman S. Weir School for eight years. “I will continue my commitment to student growth and achievement in math.”
The Accelerated Math program provides deep math practice at the unique levels K–12 students need in order for them to grow—from foundational skills to grade-level standards.

Renaissance’s National Honor Roll is designed to help educators tap into the power of Accelerated Math by guiding their implementation in ways that promote and accelerate student growth. Renaissance provides educators with research-based data targets for reading and math practice and interim and formative assessments as well as strategies that lead to an effective and sustainable implementation. Over the course of the school year, educators implement the programs with fidelity, while striving to achieve data points that research has shown result in greater student growth. Participating in National Honor Roll provides educators the ability to engage in conversations with fellow educators using the programs via Renaissance Royals, a community for Renaissance educators.

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