TWENTY-ONE S.T.A.R.S. ACADEMY STUDENTS WORK SUMMER JOBS IN PATERSON

Students worked at PPS Central Office, Marshall’s in the Center City Mall

***Photos Attached***

PATERSON – Twenty-one students at S.T.A.R.S. Academy spent weeks of their summer break working at part-time jobs at the Paterson Public Schools (PPS) Central Office and at the Marshall’s retail store at the Center City Mall, district officials announced today.

“It has been an absolute pleasure to have students from S.T.A.R.S. Academy working with us this summer,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer. “They have all done terrific work. I hope that by working with us this summer, these students have a greater sense of personal responsibility as well as the gratification of getting a paycheck and being part of a team.”

“We couldn’t be prouder of our S.T.A.R.S. Academy students for going out into the Paterson community and becoming part of the city’s workforce this summer,” said S.T.A.R.S. Academy Principal Natalie Heard-Hackett. “Our students have gotten rave reviews from their employers, and they have enjoyed working with their summer work colleagues and learning the responsibilities of holding a job.”

Each student earned $10.50 an hour performing various duties including clerical work at the Central Office and assisting with Marshall’s inventory management.

The Passaic County Workforce Development Center funded 15 students to work at the district’s Central Office. Since July 8, the students worked five days a week from 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. this summer was the second successful year of S.T.A.R.S. academy students working at the Central Office.

The Jewish Vocational Service and the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services funded the seven students who worked at Marshall's store. Those students worked from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., five days a week, since July 15. Some students who worked at Marshall’s did so well they were offered permanent part-time positions after school in the fall.

S.T.A.R.S. Academy
The mission of S.T.A.R.S. Academy is to prepare our students to become productive members of their community in the workplace through emphasis on honesty, responsibility, caring, trust, and respect for staff as well as others. S.T.A.R.S. Academy’s vision is to encourage and promote
transitionsing from school to work. We expect all students to reach for the stars and to follow their own dreams of becoming a productive member of the Paterson community.

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