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PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOLDS GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

***Photos attached***

PATERSON – In a ceremony that has not been held in more than a decade, Paterson Public Schools officials conferred diplomas on 33 high school graduates who completed their requirements for graduation this summer. While 33 graduates attended the ceremony, a total of 61 students became high school graduates through summer work.

“Today, we celebrate a group of very special scholars,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer during her commencement address. “The students who have made the most of the past few months, and did it in a way that will impact the rest of their lives for the better. And so let me say directly to our esteemed graduates, congratulations to each and every one of you. I could not be more proud of you.”

The ceremony held at the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex auditorium was the first of its kind since 2005, according to some district officials.

In June, Paterson Public Schools officials made a concerted outreach effort to students who had only a couple of course requirements to complete before being eligible to receive a high school diploma. Yesterday’s graduation ceremony was a result of the administrators’ outreach efforts, and even more so, the efforts of the graduates and their parents who worked through the summer in order to be able to receive their diplomas.

Photo 1: Paterson Public Schools administrators pose with the 2019 summer graduates.
Photo 2: Paterson Public Schools summer graduates filing into the JFK Educational Complex building.