S.T.A.R.S. ACADEMY STUDENT WINS NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION POSTER CONTEST

High school junior believed to be the contest’s first overall winner

***Photo attached: Bryan Torres Tavares’ winning poster. ***

PATERSON – Bryan Torres Tavares, a junior at S.T.A.R.S. (Students Transitioning and Achieving Real Success) Academy, has won first place honors and a $500 prize in a transportation poster contest held by the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT). Officials on the state and national level believe this is the first time a student from New Jersey has been named the overall winner of the contest.

The national organization announced the winners of the contest on its Facebook page and web site. NAPT holds the poster contest annually as part of its observance of National School Bus Safety Week, which is held during the third week of October.

“This is a terrific honor for Bryan, S.T.A.R.S. Academy and the entire Paterson Public School District,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer. “We are all very proud of Bryan for his artistic talent and for helping promote school bus transportation safety. I want to acknowledge everyone who helped Bryan to do his best in this national contest, especially his parents, his teachers and his principal, Dr. Natalie Hackett.”

NAPT’s National School Bus Safety Week poster contest has a different theme every year. The 2019 poster contest theme was, “Red Lights Mean STOP!”

According to the NAPT website, National School Bus Safety Week is an active and evolving public education program and an excellent way for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, school administrators, and other interested parties - to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety. Designed to promote school bus safety, school districts throughout the country observe School Bus Safety Week.

About S.T.A.R.S. Academy
The mission of S.T.A.R.S. Academy is to prepare 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 transitioning 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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