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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PISCATAWAY MAKES COLLEGE BOARD'S 9TH ANNUAL AP[®] DISTRICT HONOR ROLL FOR SIGNIFICANT GAINS IN STUDENT ACCESS AND SUCCESS *373 School Districts Across the U.S. and Canada Are Honored*

Piscataway, NJ, December 17, 2018 — For the second consecutive year, Piscataway Schools has been placed on the College Board's AP Honor Roll. Only 373 school districts in the U.S. and Canada received the honor this year, by increasing the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of three or higher. Reaching these goals shows Piscataway is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

"Success in Advanced Placement is a combination of students' own motivation and the opportunities educators provide for them," said Trevor Packer, senior vice president of AP and Instruction at the College Board. "I'm inspired by the teachers and administrators in this district who have worked to clear a path for more students of all backgrounds to earn college credit during high school."

Inclusion in the 9th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of AP data from 2016 to 2018, looking across 38 AP Exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used.

Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6% in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts;
- Increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students taking exams and increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students scoring 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and
- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2018 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2016 percentage, *unless* the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students earn a 3 or higher.

Piscataway's achievement is particularly noteworthy as educational equity is a primary goal. The District accomplished these outcomes with an AP student population in which 30% or more are underrepresented minority students (American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander) and/or 30% or more are low-income students (students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch).

In 2018, more than 4,000 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, or both, and/or consideration in the admissions process.

The complete 9th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found **here:** <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/score-reports-data/awards/honor-roll>

About Piscataway Township Schools

Serving over 7,000 students, Piscataway Township Schools provide K - 12 and preschool programming, special education instructional programs and services, as well as before and aftercare, adult education classes, youth enrichment programs, and summer youth programs. The mission of the Piscataway Public Schools is the continual development of each child's intellectual, aesthetic, social and physical abilities in a positive environment that fosters self-esteem, to help all students realize their abilities and gifts.