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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **PISCATAWAY NAMED TO NICHE TOP 100 NJ SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

Piscataway, NJ, August 7, 2019 – For the third consecutive year, the Piscataway School District is ranked in the Niche Top 100 School Districts in New Jersey. Piscataway’s overall score was A-, and as in previous years, had particularly strong showings in the following categories: Teachers, College Prep, Clubs and Activities, Diversity, and Sports.

Niche, a company dedicated to comprehensive reports on schools and colleges, neighborhoods, towns and companies, based its rankings on rigorous analysis of academic and student life data from the U.S. Department of Education, along with test scores, college data, and ratings collected from millions of Niche users.

This ranking follows a trend for repeat awards for Piscataway, including being named a Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation (National Association of Music Merchants) and named to College Board’s AP Honor Roll for increasing access to Advanced Placement® courses to a broader number of students while maintaining or improving the rate at which their AP® students earned scores of 3 or higher on an AP Exam.

Niche offers an opportunity to see some of the remarks from students who currently attend school in Piscataway. “It’s a great school. It provides many opportunities for students to grow and develop as individuals. I enjoy how diverse our community is,” noted one student. Another student offered this: “Throughout my four years at Piscataway high school I can say that PHS is an amazing school that tries its hardest to make sure all its students are successful. The classes that are given challenge the students, and anyone can take an AP class if they are up for it. Most importantly PHS has a lot of help for seniors when it comes to the college transition from FAFSA to college application guidance with set up events throughout the year.”

“It is gratifying to see Piscataway Schools recognized for hard work and achievements,” noted Dr. Frank Ranelli, Superintendent of Schools. “Our students and staff continue to put forth their best efforts and we are so pleased to be rewarded with this kind of recognition”

Piscataway opens its doors for the 2019-2020 school year on September 4, with a continued focus on academic achievement and student and staff wellness. At Piscataway High School, a new Learning Academy focusing on Pre-Law and Justice will admit students for the first time, joining other student academies that focus on Engineering, Biomedical Sciences, Fine Arts, and Performing Arts. Throughout the district, students and staff will work together to encourage positive social and emotional health.

“We are proud of what we have accomplished so far,” said Dr. Ranelli. “And in this new school year, I look forward to working with our staff to develop even more exciting educational opportunities for our students.”

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### **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 Township 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.*