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## **May 24 Assembly at Memorial High to Celebrate West New York School District's Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> District of the Year Award from the College Board**

WEST NEW YORK, N.J. — Students, educators, administrators, parents and local dignitaries will pack the auditorium at Memorial High School for a celebratory assembly as the district is presented with a 2011 AP<sup>®</sup> District of the Year Award by College Board Senior Vice President for College Readiness Eric Cantor and Vice President of the Advanced Placement Program<sup>®</sup> Trevor Packer. The assembly will be held **Tuesday, May 24, at 8 a.m. EDT at Memorial High School**, 5501 Park Avenue, West New York, N.J.

**Interviews and photo ops will be available with New Jersey's Acting Commissioner of Education Chris Cerf, New Jersey State Board of Education Member Ernest Lepore, Hudson County Superintendent's Office Manager Monica Tone, West New York Superintendent John Fauta, College Board officials, students and teachers.**

West New York is one of just four school districts in the nation being honored by the College Board with a 2011 AP<sup>®</sup> District of the Year award for opening AP classroom doors to a significantly broader pool of students while maintaining or improving the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher. West New York is the winner in the "small district" category for achieving the most significant improvements in the nation in access to college-level AP courses. For more information about the award and the other winning districts, read the complete [press release](#).

In addition, a delegation of students, educators and administrators from each of the four winning districts will participate in a plenary session at the AP Annual Conference in San Francisco on July 22. In front of an audience of more than 3,000 AP educators, the West New York delegation will share its best practices and will be presented with a \$10,000 scholarship to be used toward programs that continue to build the district's AP program.

**EVENT:** Assembly and Presentation of AP District of the Year Award to West New York School District

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 8–9 a.m. EDT

**LOCATION:** Memorial High School, 5501 Park Avenue, West New York, N.J.

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