



West New York schools named district of year; 1 of 4 to receive national award

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The local public school district has been presented with the School District of the Year Award, one of only four in the nation to receive the honor.

“Motivating students to achieve success as they pursue a college education is essential to creating the highly educated workforce our country needs. I congratulate the West New York school district for being selected as a national leader among small districts,” said acting New Jersey Education Commissioner Christopher Cerf in a statement.

The award was presented by the College Board, which administers the SAT, the most widely used college entrance exam in the nation.

The College Board looked at data from 2008, 2009 and 2010, and found that West New York public schools increased the number of students who took advanced placement tests from 44 in 2008 to 99 in 2010; and improved the number of students who scored at least a 3 in the exam, from 21 percent in 2008 to 37 percent in 2010.

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Principal Scott Cannao, of Memorial High School, second from left, and West New York Superintendent of Schools John Fauta, right, are presented the AP District of the Year Award.