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State Board Recognizes November Student of the Month

TRENTON — The New Jersey State Board of Education today recognized Bridget Walsh, a senior at Pinelands Regional High School in Ocean County, as the student of the month for November 2002.

Walsh is certainly deserving of State Board recognition. She has been class president since seventh grade and has successfully balanced academic excellence with success in extracurricular activities. For example, she's been on the National Honor Roll and she's a four-year member of the basketball squad.

"Bridget Walsh is a perfect example of why we recognize our youths each month," said Board President Maud Dahme. "Her accomplishments, whether in the classroom, the basketball court or in student government, are staggering. She deserves to be commended. She is a perfect example of what's right with our students today."

The State Board welcomed Walsh today at its regular monthly meeting in Trenton as part of its program that recognizes a student or group of students for accomplishments in community service, the arts, academics and sports.

"The state of New Jersey sees great things in Bridget Walsh," Commissioner of Education William L. Librera said. "She is intelligent, motivated and an integral part of her school community. She is to be commended for being such a wonderful influence on her peers."

Walsh was recommended for recognition by her guidance counselor, Eric Swensen, and Ocean County Superintendent Bruce Greenfield.

"In Bridget, you will receive a caring, intelligent, witty and extremely enjoyable person," Swensen wrote in his recommendation letter. "Her reign as class president since seventh grade is evidence of her style and respect — not too mention how she lights up every room she enters."

"Bridget is about as good as it gets," Swensen wrote.

Walsh, of Tuckerton, is involved in a list of extracurricular activities that include the following:

- Spanish Honor Society (grades 11 and 12);
- Students Against Drunk Driving (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12);
- English Club (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12);
- Drama Club (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12); and
- WCAT-Pinelands High School Radio Club (grades 11 and 12).

According to Swensen, "there are no words that I can write that would be exaggerated. Bridget is truly that wonderful."