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### **Nine New Jersey Schools Receive National Recognition**

Nine New Jersey schools are among the 320 schools nationally that were recognized this week as *2008 No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon Schools* by the US Department of Education.

The award honors public and private schools that either help students achieve at high levels or make significant progress in closing the achievement gap.

The nine schools are:

- Atlantic County Institute of Technology in Mays Landing
- Dr. Ronald E. McNair/Academic High School in Jersey City
- Hazel Avenue School in West Orange
- Kennedy Park School #24 in Woodbridge
- Public School Number Fourteen in Bayonne
- Robert Treat Academy Charter School, Inc. in Newark
- Seaview Elementary School in Linwood
- The Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton
- Victor Mravlag Elementary School in Elizabeth

"We are delighted that so many New Jersey schools were selected for this prestigious honor this year," said Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy. "The administrators, teachers and students at these fine schools have demonstrated that when everyone is focused on improving student achievement, good things happen. We at the department join with their communities in congratulating them."

At all the New Jersey schools honored this year, students scores were in the top 10 percent in the state on state tests last year. At several schools, more than 40 percent of the students are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The *2008 Blue Ribbon School* winners will receive their awards at a ceremony in Washington, DC, on October 20-21.