

## NJDOE Names 2018 National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Distinguished Schools

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**Trenton, NJ** – Today, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) announced that Soaring Heights Charter School in Jersey City and Forest Street Elementary School in the City of Orange were selected as 2018 National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished Schools. Soaring Heights Charter School received the recognition for exceptional student performance; and Forest Street Elementary School was recognized for excellence in serving special populations of students, in this case English Language Learners.

"The long-term success of our state lies in our ability to provide children with educational equity and access to high-quality education. These schools are doing exemplary work to ensure that," said Education Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet.

The 2018 ESEA Distinguished Schools Program – formerly called Title I Distinguished Schools – is sponsored by the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators.

Each of these schools will receive up to \$15,000 in federal funds to support Title I programs and will be recognized along with other ESEA Distinguished Schools from across the nation at the National ESEA Conference in Kansas City, Mo., January 30 – February 2, 2019.

Attending staff from each recognized school will have an opportunity to participate in workshops, professional development opportunities, and best practices presentations offered during the conference.





