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## Acting Education Commissioner Commends 16 New Jersey Schools for Earning ‘Schools of Character’ Designation

**Trenton, NJ** – Acting Commissioner Angelica Allen-McMillan of the New Jersey Department of Education today applauded 16 New Jersey schools for earning the Character.org “National Schools of Character” designation.

“The educators, students, and stakeholders in these 16 schools should be commended for making character a priority in their educational community,” said Dr. Allen-McMillan. “Character education efforts foster growth that brings about positive change in the school and throughout the community.”

The 16 New Jersey schools that recently received this recognition were among 67 recipients nationally. The New Jersey Schools of Character include:

County	District/Community	School
<b>Burlington</b>	Cinnaminson Township Public Schools	Cinnaminson Middle School
<b>Burlington</b>	Burlington County Special Services School District	Burlington County Alternative High School
<b>Camden</b>	Cherry Hill Public Schools	A. Russell Knight Elementary
<b>Camden</b>	Cherry Hill Public Schools	John A. Carusi Middle School
<b>Mercer</b>	Hamilton Township Public Schools	McGalliard Elementary School
<b>Mercer</b>	Hamilton Township Public Schools	Morgan Elementary School
<b>Middlesex</b>	Metuchen School District	Campbell Elementary School
<b>Monmouth</b>	Millstone Township	Millstone Township Middle School
<b>Monmouth</b>	Red Bank	Red Bank Charter School
<b>Passaic</b>	West Milford Township School District	Maple Road Elementary School
<b>Passaic</b>	West Milford Township School District	Upper Greenwood Lake Elementary School
<b>Somerset</b>	North Plainfield School District	North Plainfield High School
<b>Somerset</b>	North Plainfield School District	Somerset Intermediate School
<b>Union</b>	Roselle Park School District	Ernest J. Finizio Aldene Elementary School
<b>Union</b>	Roselle Public School District	Harrison Elementary School
<b>Union</b>	Roselle Public School District	Washington Elementary School

For over 20 years, Character.org, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., has promoted nurturing and supportive school climates by certifying schools and districts as National Schools of Character.

The New Jersey Alliance for Social, Emotional, and Character Development, which is the state affiliate of Character.org, supports New Jersey schools to become accredited as State and National Schools of Character. Their efforts have greatly contributed to New Jersey leading the nation with the highest number of Schools of Character over the past five years.

For more information on this year’s Schools of Character, contact [Character.org](#).

