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PISCATAWAY NAMED TO NICHE TOP 100 NJ SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Piscataway, NJ, August 6, 2018 – For the second consecutive year, the Piscataway School District is ranked in the Niche Top 100 School Districts in New Jersey. Niche, a company dedicated to comprehensive reports on schools and colleges, neighborhoods, towns and companies, based its rankings on rigorous analysis of academic and student life data from the U.S. Department of Education, along with test scores, college data, and ratings collected from millions of Niche users.

Piscataway's overall score was A-, with particularly strong showings in the following categories: Teachers, College Prep, Clubs and Activities, Diversity, and Sports. This ranking follows on the heels of other recent awards for Piscataway, including being named a Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation (National Association of Music Merchants) and named to College Board's AP Honor Roll for increasing access to Advanced Placement® courses to a broader number of students while maintaining or improving the rate at which their AP® students earned scores of 3 or higher on an AP Exam.

Niche offers an opportunity to see some of the remarks from students who currently attend school in Piscataway. "Piscataway High School is full of opportunities for education, art, sports and so much more. They have a large variety of AP and Honors classes sure to suit your interest, with great teachers for them," noted one student. "The school's ethnic, racial and religious diversity makes it a place of learning and acceptance that I would not have gotten in most other schools. It is very safe and the teachers and counselors are there to make sure you're okay."

"We are very happy to see Piscataway recognized by these national organizations and companies," noted Teresa M. Rafferty, Superintendent of Schools. "But our true pride comes in seeing first-hand the great work accomplished by our students and facilitated by our staff. It is gratifying to see their hard work acknowledged on a national level."

Piscataway opens its doors for the 2018-2019 school year on September 4, with a continued focus on academic achievement. At Piscataway High School, for the first time, a select group of students will enter PHS Academies in either Engineering, Biomedical Sciences, Fine Arts, or Performing Arts. These students passed a rigorous application process and will follow course pathways that offer in depth instruction in preparation for post-secondary study and career exploration. PHS Academies allow students to combine specialized study with a full high school curricular and extra-curricular experience.

“In the new school year, our staff will continue to explore new and exciting educational practices,” said Ms. Rafferty. “I look forward to seeing the results of our Academies and to working with our staff to develop other exciting opportunities for our students.”

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About Piscataway Township Schools

Serving over 7,000 students, Piscataway Township Schools provide K - 12 and preschool programming, special education instructional programs and services, as well as before and aftercare, adult education classes, youth enrichment programs, and summer youth programs. The mission of the Piscataway Township Schools is the continual development of each child's intellectual, aesthetic, social and physical abilities in a positive environment that fosters self-esteem, to help all students realize their abilities and gifts.