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### **Commissioner Recognizes the 2003-2004 Star Schools Winners**

Commissioner William L. Librera recognized the seven 2003-2004 Star Schools at today's public State Board meeting.

"We are pleased to honor these schools for the programs and practices that make them showcases of excellence in education for all of New Jersey's schools," said Commissioner Librera. "Their successful ways set a high standard of achievement for similarly situated schools statewide. The department will use these examples as best practices throughout New Jersey."

The seven Star Schools are:

- [Clara Barton Elementary School in Camden County](#);
- [Frost Elementary School in Middlesex County](#);
- [Pine Brook Elementary School in Monmouth County](#);
- [Haskell Elementary School in Passaic County](#);
- [Roberto Clemente Elementary School in Passaic County](#);
- [Early Childhood Center-Hamilton Terry Elementary School in Union County](#); and
- [Union County Magnet High School in Union County](#)

The New Jersey Department of Education honored the seven winners in June at a recognition luncheon in East Windsor, NJ.

The Star Schools designation identifies New Jersey schools that have a particular specialization with objectives that assist students in meeting the state's academic and cross content workplace readiness standards. In addition, the school's faculty must be involved in professional development activities that contribute to exemplary teaching practices. Active involvement of parents, businesses and the community is also a hallmark of Star Schools.

The Best Practices/Star Schools program is administered by the Office of Innovative Programs and Schools, Division of Educational Programs and Assessment. The schools and practices identified through the program become part of the Office of Innovative Programs and Schools' website, which was established to provide information regarding innovative and effective program models for schools throughout New Jersey.

The link to the Office of Innovative Programs and Schools' website can be found at:

<http://www.nj.gov/njded/educators/rpr/recognition/>

For more information about Star Schools, please contact the Office of Innovative Programs and Schools at (609) 777-0800.