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***U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid Awareness
Outreach Representatives Speak at High School***

Camden – On Friday, December 16, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Clarence Turner Gymnasium, Camden High School, 1700 Park Boulevard, Camden, New Jersey, the Camden City Public Schools Office of Guidance and Testing will host a **“Yes You Can Go To College”** rally for high school juniors and seniors, parents and the Camden community. Mr. James Copeland and Mr. Fred Stennis from the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid Awareness and Outreach Division will speak to attendees about the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application process and other financial aid opportunities available for qualified students with financial challenges.

As a part of the U.S. Department of Education’s outreach program to ensure that eligible students receive financial aid assistance for post-secondary education opportunities, completing the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is an important part of the process. The U.S. Department of Education has implemented a FAFSA completion program in cities like Camden to inform high school students, parents, school guidance counselors and the Camden community about the importance of completing the FAFSA application. Because the FAFSA begins January 1, 2012, Mr. Copeland will provide training to the district’s high school guidance counselors on December 14th and 15th to prepare them to help students with the applications.

The goal is to assist students and parents to overcome the perceived barriers about completing financial aid applications and provide information about other federal, state and local funding available to students attend trade school, college and universities of their choice.