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### PRESS RELEASE

## Superintendent Announces Broad Progress on Commitments to School Communities

*Second Camden Commitment update shows School District advancing on each of its promises; 2014-15 school year to open with increased safety measures, improved access to technology, and more high-quality school options*

July 31, 2014--Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ – Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard today released the second quarterly progress report on the promises he made to the school community in the School District's strategic plan, the [Camden Commitment](#). The update shows significant advances on all fronts, which have helped position the School District to open the 2014-15 school year with increased safety measures, improved access to technology, and more high-quality school options.

"The *Camden Commitment* is our short-term roadmap to help achieve our goal of every student attending an excellent school, and this progress report makes clear we are advancing toward that goal," Rouhanifard said. "Today's progress report makes clear that the District is making significant changes to give students and families the high-quality education they deserve."

[This quarter's progress report](#) is a summary of updates since its last report in April 2014. Highlights include:

- **Promise 1: Safe Students, Safe Schools**
  - Preparing to pilot high-tech safety equipment in Camden High and Woodrow Wilson this fall
- **Promise 2: 21<sup>st</sup>-Century School Buildings**
  - Successfully expanded wireless coverage in schools and classrooms, supporting 21st-century learning
- **Promise 3a: Excellent Schools—Student Support**
  - Signed contracts requiring renaissance school partners to provide socio-emotional supports to all students
- **Promise 3b: Excellent Schools—Great Teaching and Learning**
  - Leading first-ever two-week Principals Institute to support principals in raising standards and coaching teaching staff

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- **Promise 4: Serving Parents**
  - Launched in-depth community feedback process to receive input on school information cards
  
- **Promise 5: Central Office Effectiveness**
  - Implementing tight fiscal controls and retraining Central Office staff to improve resource management

In particular, the Superintendent noted the launch earlier this week of the Let's Talk About Great Schools campaign. Over the next several weeks, Rouhanifard and District officials are meeting with students, parents, teachers, and community members across the City. The meetings will give residents the opportunity to voice their opinions on how to measure the progress of Camden's schools. The outreach effort will also address how the District can best inform parents and the community about the progress and performance of every public school in Camden.

In the campaign's first 48 hours, more than 200 parents, students and residents have shared what they believe make a great school.

To be part of the Let's Talk About Great Schools campaign, visit [camden.k12.nj.us/greatschools](http://camden.k12.nj.us/greatschools), where you can learn more about the school information cards and share your views by completing a brief feedback form in English or Spanish.

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