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PRESS RELEASE

Rouhanifard updates community on efforts to dramatically improve District schools, delivering on Camden Commitment promises

Fifteen months after launching the Camden Commitment, the Superintendent highlights progress in his work to empower parents, improve bilingual education, and leverage new partnerships for safer schools

April 30, 2015 – Camden, NJ – Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard today announced a critical advancement in his plan to ensure every District graduate leaves Camden schools ready to succeed in college or career. For the 2015-16 school year, every 9th- and 10th-grade student at the District's two largest high schools will receive twice as much literacy and math instruction. The Superintendent shared this update in his latest quarterly progress report on the [Camden Commitment](#), the School District's strategic plan. This intensive initiative aims to dramatically improve academic skills, and help fix a system in which two in five students do not graduate high school and too many graduates lack the skills they need to succeed in their next step.

The math and literacy supports will be possible by increasing the time every underclassman at Camden High School and Woodrow Wilson High School spends in English and math class, beginning this fall. By tailoring support to each student's need, the program aims to bring all students up to grade level in math and reading as soon as possible.

Other highlights from this quarter's Camden Commitment update include: the launch of the second of four new District Parent Partnership sites, this time at the Kroc Center; a reorganization of bi-lingual education to reduce the number of multi-grade classrooms; and the first annual [Camden City High School Fair](#), which gave over 500 students and families a chance to learn about all of the City's public secondary school options. In addition, the District has secured new partnerships to enhance school security officer training and to deploy cutting-edge technologies to improve student safety and school culture.

"No one thing makes a great school, and the five pillars of the Camden Commitment reflects that reality," Rouhanifard said. "Safe schools that welcome parents and hold students to high standards should be the expectation across the District. The updates in this quarter's progress report reflect our continued effort to

prioritize District school improvements, and in doing so give every child access to an excellent neighborhood public school.”

Click [here](#) to download the full Camden Commitment quarterly progress report.