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## PRESS RELEASE

# Rouhanifard, District Officials Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week by Heading Back to the Classroom

*School District also releases video to say "Thank you!"*

**May 5, 2015 – Camden, NJ** – Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard today will return to the classroom as part of a series of activities to celebrate educators during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8. The School District also [released a new video](#) that captures a wide range of residents, educators, leaders, and local personalities expressing their appreciation for teachers.

Rouhanifard will guest-teach a reading lesson to 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade students by leading a discussion of *Strega Nona: Her Story*, by Tomie dePaola. Yesterday, General Counsel Bryant Horsley delivered a lesson to 9<sup>th</sup>-grade students on the First Amendment. Later this week, Chief Family and Community Engagement Officer Tia Morris, Chief Performance Officer Joanna Lack, and School Business Administrator Regina Robinson are also expected to give teachers a period off and teach lessons. This experience is designed to get District administrators out of their offices and in to classrooms, for an opportunity to more deeply understand teachers' and students' perspectives.

In addition, the District's public-access television station, CCSD-TV, is airing a marathon today of its show, *Inside the Classroom*. Camden residents should check the [broadcast schedule](#) for additional information for channels 19 (Comcast) and 30 (Verizon). Many episodes of *Inside the Classroom* can also be viewed on the [District's YouTube page](#).

In an all-staff e-mail this morning, Rouhanifard recalled how his 10<sup>th</sup>-grade English teacher, Mr. Klausner, pushed and supported him.

"As we celebrate teachers today, we honor all of the Mr. Klausners out there," Rouhanifard wrote. "Whether you know it or not, you are that caring, encouraging, helpfully nagging individual in your students' lives. Your students might not always express it, but they hear your encouraging words, and they see your acts of kindness. They add up, and years later they are the moments that students will recall."

The recognition of teachers comes one week after the District honored school leaders during National School Principals Day, May 1. Chief School Support Officer Andrew Bell [published an op-ed](#) that focused on school

leaders' critical role in driving school improvement, and Dr. Maricarmen Macrina of Dudley Family School gave permission to shadow her and [live-tweet her day](#). The summary, as [this tweet captured](#): "9 hrs; 6,743 steps; 600 students; 50 lesson plans; 5 classrooms observed; 25 parents; 6 hugs; 4 stern chats & 1 great #CMDLeader".

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