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STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS EARN TOP SCORES ON THE CONNECTICUT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TEST

(December 15, 2011) A total of 53 tenth grade students in Stamford Public Schools received commendations from State Education Commissioner Stefan Pryor for scoring exceptionally well on the 2011 Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT). The students from Westhill, Stamford High and the Academy of Information Technology & Engineering scored at Level 5 (Advanced) on the mathematics, reading, writing and science subtests.

Statewide, only 3,600 students of 43,000+ achieved at this high level. Stamford Public Schools had more students who scored at Level 5 than any other city in its District Reference Group, which consists of Ansonia, Danbury, Derby, East Hartford, Meriden, Norwalk, Norwich, and West Haven. The results of the CAPT are used for many purposes – most importantly, they provide a window into the progress that Connecticut students are making toward high academic standards. In a congratulatory letter, Commissioner Pryor advised that the habits of excellent students are enduring. He quoted noteworthy social thinker John Ruskin, who observed that, *“the highest reward for a (person’s) toil is not what (that person) gets for it, but what (the person) becomes by it.”* For more information about Stamford Public Schools, please visit www.stamfordpublicschools.org. To follow Interim Superintendent Dr. Winnie Hamilton on Twitter, sign up at www.twitter.com/SPSSuper.

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