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## **Eleven Camden County Middle Schools** Named as a School of Character

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, NJ (February 4, 2022) – The Camden County Technical School (CCTS) District is pleased to announce that 11 middle schools in Camden County have met the criteria and were named a Camden County Middle School of Character. This standing shall remain in effect from 2022 through 2024.

This award is jointly sponsored by the Camden County Commissioners, Camden County College, and Camden County Technical Schools.

"Character education reinforces core values needed for success in the workforce, college, and in life," said Patricia Fitzgerald, Superintendent of CCTS. "The two campuses of CCTS received recognition as National Schools of Character as well as New Jersey Schools of Character and it is our pleasure to co-sponsor and coordinate the Camden County Middle School of Character award."

"All 80 private, charter and public middle schools in Camden County were invited to submit applications that describe their character education programs for consideration, and we are delighted to award 11 of them with this honor," said Suzanne Golt, chairperson of this year's award. "The review panel was impressed with the creative and interactive programs the schools have implemented to help our youth recognize the importance of good character and reinforce values such as Respect, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship."

The schools selected for recognition include:

Bell Oaks School, Bellmawr, Anthony Farinelli, Principal Clementon Elementary School, Clementon, Jared Fudrich, Principal Davis Family School, Camden, Sharon Woodridge, Principal Magnolia School, Magnolia, Paul Sorrentino, Principal Mary E. Volz, Runnemede, Steve Pili, Principal Rosa International Middle School, Cherry Hill, George Guy, Principal Samuel S. Yellin School, Stratford, David Ricci, Principal Somerdale Park School, Somerdale, Mark Pease Superintendent/Principal St. Rose of Lima School, Haddon Heights, Deacon Joseph Rafferty Thomas H. Dudley School, Camden, Evelyn Ruiz, Principal Woodlynne School, Woodlynne, Jackie Walters, Superintendent/Principal Representatives from the schools will attend a recognition ceremony where they will receive a banner and certificate. **The ceremony will take place on February 18**<sup>th</sup> **at 1 pm** at Camden County Technical Schools, Conference Center, 343 Berlin Cross Keys Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081.

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