

## Red Bank Charter School Receives Statewide Honors

By John Burton

RED BANK – The Red Bank Charter School recently received two statewide awards for educational achievements.

In late April, RBCS was selected as a New Jersey Benchmark School by the Business Coalition For Educational Excellence for the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, one of 69 schools in the state so honored.

The chamber coalition's awards are intended to honor schools that are working to ensure that students are achieving so they are prepared to successfully enter the workplace.

The Business Coalition for Educational Excellence, "serves as the voice of business in the education policy debate," according to the organization's Web site.

The coalition recognizes the schools based upon state standardized testing assessments for student academic performance,

outlined by Just For Kids – New Jersey, the local chapter of the National Center for Education

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Accountability, a Texas-based organization that advocates for public education awareness and decision making by data collection and making that information readily available to the public.

"It's about achieving educational excellence," this week said charter school principal Pennotti.

George Kodray, vice president of communications for the coalition, said the charter school was acknowledged for its, "significant performance" especially in the area of advanced proficiency for the school's fourth and sixth grades.

Based upon this recognition, News 12 New Jersey, a New Jersey-based cable television news network, awarded the charter school its "School Bell Award."

Along with the Red Bank Charter School, News 12 gave that award to the Horace Mann Number Six School, Bayonne, and the North Bergen High School.

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