

## Two local schools are 'benchmarks

AREA — Both New Providence Middle School and Summit High School have been named 2007 Just for the Kids — New Jersey Benchmark Schools, because the schools had high rates of student achievement on state tests.

Benchmark Schools are designated by the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. The Coalition uses data from the state's High School Proficiency Assessment, HSPA; Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment, GEPA; or the state's Assessment of Skills and

Knowledge, NJ ASK. Seventy-three schools around New Jersey were named Benchmark School.

Assessment data are posted annually to the Just for the Kids website at [www.just4kids.org](http://www.just4kids.org).

Just for the Kids helps educators analyze data about their schools to use toward creating blueprints for improvement or continued success. The Just for the Kids site provides a picture of a school's performance by comparing it with other schools that have similar student populations.

The Union County Benchmark Schools are New Providence Middle School,

Summit High School and Number 18, Robert Morris Elementary School, Elizabeth.

The Business Coalition for Educational Excellence at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce represents business in the education policy debate, and supports programs that address the business agenda in education reform. BCEE programs are supported by tax-deductible contributions made to the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation.

