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Haskell School earns state kudos

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The state has recognized Haskell Elementary School as one of the 73 schools statewide to let student achievements shine through state proficiency test scores.

The Business Coalition of Education Excellence (BCEE) bestowed the Just for Kids-Benchmark Schools Award on Haskell School based on the data obtained from the state's High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA), Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) or NJ Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK). Part of the state Chamber of Commerce, BCEE serves as the voice of business in the education policy

debate, and supports programs that address the business agenda in education reform.

Haskell School is one of two schools in Passaic County to have been bestowed with this honor. The other school is the Roberto Clemente Elementary School in Paterson.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Richard Weisenfeld said that the district is "very pleased" that the district's diligence helped to make its mark with the BCEE. He said, however, that a district should depend on test scores to determine how well students learn in school.

"You don't want to live and die based on what one data point shows. We're making significant strides in the way we deliver education to children," Weisenfeld

said.

Haskell School Principal Lynda D'Angiolillo could not be reached for comment.

In a press statement released last month, BCEE President Dana Egreczky said that the benchmark school honor is a badge that districts should wear proudly.

"We hope these schools will stand as role models for others around the state. We owe our young people the best chance for a rewarding future," she said in the statement.

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