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Message from the Superintendent:

What an exciting start to the 2016-2017 school year!

On Wednesday, September 28, 2016, U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King announced in a press release that our own, Academy for Performing Arts has been “named one of the best in the Nation”.

The Academy for Performing Arts has been named by the U.S. Department of Education, a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. This is quite an impressive accomplishment as nationwide only 279 public and 50 private schools received this honor. More impressive is the fact that in the State of New Jersey, only five (5) public elementary schools, four (4) private elementary schools and one (1) public high school was named a Blue Ribbon School. You read it right - the Academy for Performing Arts was that one (1) public high school!

Our Academy for Performing Arts, that was established and accepted its initial freshman class in 2008, was nominated by the New Jersey Department of Education for the Blue Ribbon. After being notified by the U.S. Department of Education, a comprehensive application was submitted and that resulted in being recognized as an “Exemplary High Performing School”, ranking the Academy for Performing Arts among the top in the country.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Principal Kelly Douglas-Jackson and Supervisor Sue Anne Marcello, as well as our remarkable staff, students and their parents/guardians, for working together towards academic excellence. Their combined efforts resulted in earning this well deserved, prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate the entire UCVTS community for all your efforts culminating in numerous awards and accomplishments, nationally recognized schools and all of the outstanding educational programs you provide to the students of Union County. Thank you for all you do.

In closing, I would like to thank our Board of Education for their leadership and direction and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their continued support.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Capodice
Superintendent of Schools