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Dear 8th Grade Students and Families,

As we quickly approach June and all the excitement and wonderful events that are about to take place for our 8th grade Seniors, we would like to take this opportunity to explain our 8th grade awards process. In the upcoming weeks, 8th grade teachers and staff members will begin to nominate deserving students for a senior award based on the student’s performance throughout the 2019-2020 school year. The awards that will be distributed to selected students are aimed at promoting and recognizing educational excellence, superior leadership, outstanding character and exceptional service within the P.O. Rocco Laurie school.

The majority of awards will be distributed on Senior Awards Night which is an invitation only event that will take place on June 9th. The remaining awards will be distributed at our graduation ceremony. The award process is very competitive as we distribute approximately 150 awards and currently have an enrollment of 530 eighth graders.

The selection criteria for awards varies based on the award type. Academic awards are based on highest average in a particular subject area. Most improved awards are based on student progress and growth throughout the academic school year. Leadership awards highlight those students who have taken an active leadership role within our school community and who have made a positive impact on our school. Citizenship awards recognize students that possess a strong moral code of ethics and good character. Service awards highlight those students who are involved in our school community by participating in various organizations and student groups.

There is no application to be considered for an award. It is based on daily student participation, interaction and observation of each child while in school by school staff. Additionally, this year, our new school initiative the Positive Learning Colloborative will be taken into account when determining what students may be eligible for an award. The PLC has aimed to track and reward students that take an active role in maintaining positive behavior, following school rules, maintaining respect for themselves, peers and the school community and exhibit a strong work ethic that requires active learning within the classroom on a daily basis.

We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our 8th grade students in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,

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