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Englewood School District Officials Honored by State Assembly



Three officials of the Englewood Public School District were honored at the New Jersey statehouse last week for the work they have done in the school on programs addressing violence against women. They were invited by Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle.

The educators were Joseph Armental, Assistant Principal at Dwight Morrow High School / Academies @ Englewood, Barry Harris, head of security, and Liz Corsini, director of The ZONE at DMHS and Director of School Based Youth Services at Bergen Family Center.

Mr. Harris and Mr. Armental addressed the entire State Assembly on September 29 and described the school's efforts over the past five years to promote student leadership skills and to make violence against women unacceptable.

"Mr. Harris and I talked about our appreciation that men are being included in the conversation and are helping to change the statistics associated with domestic violence. More men need to step up and join the dialog, while we educate our young men and women," Mr. Armental said.

The DMHS/AE effort began with the formation of a Young Men's Leadership Program in 2013. The mission of the Leadership Program is to build upon the strengths and capacity of the school's young male leaders, while developing character, life and leadership skills that support and motivate young men to strive for and achieve success. The fact that student athletes were role models in the school was recognized and the Maroon Raiders football team members were encouraged to participate.

As part of the Leadership Program, two years ago, the Maroon Raiders began ongoing training in a comprehensive violence prevention program offered by The ZONE. Dozens of students have been trained in the years since.

“It was an absolute honor to have had this opportunity to represent our school community and be recognized at the state level,” said Mr. Armental.