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Subject: **New Providence School District awards Certificates of Excellence**

The New Providence School District was pleased to recognize it's distinguished individual student athletes and teams at the June 27th Board of Education meeting. The recipients achieved excellence in their sport at the county, state sectional or state level.

Certificates of Excellence were awarded to a host of individual athletes.

Sophia Kudryashova won the 100 yard freestyle and 200 yard freestyle events at the 2019 Union County Swimming Championships. Sophia holds both the NPHS and County Championship Meet record in both events. She also medaled in the 2019 NJSIAA Meet of Champions by finishing 2nd in the 100 yard freestyle and 3rd in the 200 yard freestyle events.

Joseph Delia was the Winner of the Union County Wrestling Championship at 170 lbs, as well as Region 4 Champion at 160 lbs. Joseph joined the prestigious 100 victory club with his win in the finals of the District 13 Tournament, and went on to compete in the state championships in Atlantic City.

The NPHS Boys and Girls Track and Field team had many prominent champions. Sophia Miskulin was the North 2 Group 1 Champion for Discus. Erin Lamanna was the North 2 Group 1 Champion in the 3200 meters. Trevor Jonny was the Shot Put Central Group 1 Champion (winter) and North 2 Group 1 Champion (spring). Christopher Oh and Cheney Price were both Pole Vault Relay – Group 1 Champions. Cheney was also crowned Central Group 1 Champion (winter) and North 2 Group 1 Champion (spring) individually in pole vault. Michael Cardone, Dominick Cardone, John Fiscelli, and Preston Ross won the 4x400 Meter Relay at the NJSIAA North 2 Group 1 State Sectional Meet. Preston Ross was also crowned the North 2 Group 1 Champion in the 400 meter dash. David Aprill, Christian Cadmus, Matthew Sinning, and Kyle Tierney won the 4x800 Meter Relay at the NJSIAA North 2 Group 1 State Sectional Meet. Christian Cadmus also took the North 2 Group 1 Sectional Championship in three individual events – 800 meters, 1600 meters, and 3200 meters.

Team Certificates of Excellence were awarded to Boys Soccer, Competition Cheer Team, Boys Basketball, Boys Tennis, Boys Track and Field and Baseball.

The New Providence Boys Soccer team topped Glen Ridge to claim the North 2 Group 1 State Sectional Championship. The championship was the first sectional title for the boys' soccer team since 2007. The team would go on to advance all the way to the state championships at Kean University.

The New Providence Competition Cheer team put themselves on the map in their first official season as a competitive squad. This winter, the 16 member team won the NJCDCA Group 1 State Championship in Cheer Dance.

The New Providence Boys Basketball team triumphed at the Group 1 State Championship at Rutgers RAC. The championship was the first state title for the boys' basketball team since 1999. The boys set a school record for wins this season, finishing with a record of 29-4. Along the way, Coach Cattano recorded his 500th career coaching victory and 3 players, Greg Meyers, Dylan Bedder and Brian Kelly, went over 1000 career points.

The New Providence Boys Tennis team defeated Leonia 3-2 to win the North 2 Group 1 State Sectional Title, winning in third singles, as well as first and second doubles to take home the title. The team then defeated perennial power Mountain Lakes in the state semifinals, advancing all the way to the state championship match at Mercer County Park. This was the team's ninth such championship in the last ten years.

The New Providence Boys Track and Field team battled from start to finish in order to defend their North 2 Group 1 State Sectional Championship. With wins in the pole vault, shot put, 400 meters, 800 meters, 1600 meters, 3200 meters, 4x800, and 4x400 relays, the boys also relied on consistent placings in 16 of 18 events to seal their victory. The sectional title was the third consecutive win for the boys' team, and 20th overall - the second most Sectional wins in New Jersey history.

The New Providence Baseball team claimed the North 2 Group 1 State Sectional Championship after a very exciting game against David Brearley. The championship was the second consecutive sectional title for the baseball team.