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***The Washington Post* Selects Spring-Ford Area Senior High School as a one of “America’s Most Challenging High Schools”**

ROYERSFORD, PA – Spring-Ford Area High School (SFAHS) continues to receive national recognition for its student’s outstanding work, most recently as the school made *The Washington Post*’s 2015 list of America’s Most Challenging High Schools.

The Washington Post ranks schools through an index formula that’s a simple ratio: the number of Advanced Placement (AP) exams and/or International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. A ratio of 1.000 means the school had as many tests as graduates. SFAHS has seen an increase in the number of AP exams that students elect to participate in, making their ratio 1.250 in 2015.

Spring-Ford Area High School Principal, Dr. Patrick Nugent said, “Our students work hard throughout their educational career, and we’ve seen them excel in high school. When we speak with them about taking the AP exam, it is clear that signing up for and complete the test is a point of pride. It is because of their hard work that our school was recognized.”

This is the first year that Spring-Ford Area High School was named to *The Washington Post*’s Most Challenging High School list. SFAHS was ranked 2,092 out of nearly 20,000 public high schools across the nation. Earlier this year, SFAHS was recognized by *Newsweek* as being one of America’s Top High Schools.

“This is the second time this year that our high school has been identified as a top school in the nation, and the first time that we’ve made this particular list. I’m proud to see our district achieve national acknowledgment. It reminds our students and staff that their hard work is paying off,” said SFASD Superintendent Dr. David Goodin.

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