SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

857 SOUTH LEWIS ROAD, ROYERSFORD, PA 19468

For Immediate Release
Contact: Erin Crew, (610) 705-6206
Manager of Communications and Marketing, Spring-Ford Area School District

November 23, 2015

Spring-Ford Area High School Makes 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll List

ROYERSFORD, **PA** –Spring-Ford Area School District was recognized as one of 425 districts across the U.S. and Canada in the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll. The Honor Roll honors districts who have increased access to Advanced Placement (AP)® course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Reaching these goals indicates that these districts are successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP course work.

Spring-Ford Area School District is one of only 43 districts in Pennsylvania that made the list. "I was excited to find out, for our students and for our staff. They both work hard throughout the year to prepare for the AP exams and this is yet another achievement that proves their hard work pays off," said Spring-Ford Area High School Principal, Dr. Pat Nugent. "Our students recognize the long-term benefit of taking AP courses in high school, they see that they are ahead of the game when they reach college and are more comfortable with collegiate level work."

Inclusion on the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2013 to 2015, for the following criteria:

- Increased participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- Increased or maintained the percentage of exams taken by African American,
 Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students, and;
- Improved performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2015 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2013, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

ABOUT THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM: AP is a program in the United States and Canada, created by the College Board, which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities often grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.