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**Camden City School District Renews Partnership with Women of the Dream**

*Life-skills and Career Readiness & Workforce Development Programs*

(Camden, NJ) – Camden City School District and Women of the Dream renewed its partnership for the 2020-21 school year. For over five years, Women of the Dream has provided life-skills and workforce development programming to ensure girls and young women have a smooth transition out of high school to college or career. Programming for this school year will be virtual.

“Every action, every decision made at Camden City School District is focused on accelerating student achievement,” said Superintendent Katrina McCombs. “These decisions include aligning with key community partners that have a passion for the Camden community and commitment to *Putting Students First*. Women of the Dream is a key community partner.”

Women of the Dream’s mission is to break the cycle of poverty by providing mentoring, life skills, college preparatory programs, an annual STEM conference and scholarships. The program serves female students, in grades 7 through 12, attending Camden City public schools, and meets weekly for life skills and college preparatory sessions. Despite a global health pandemic, Women of the Dream continues to support students via virtual meetings. This past June, Women of the Dream awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to 11 Camden college-bound young women.

“We are excited to continue collaborating with the Camden City School District and developing strategies to ensure the success of our youth,” said Women of the Dream Founder & CEO Leslie Morris.

Camden City School District looks forward to continuing the work with Women of the Dream and other community partners to improve the education and economic outcomes for Camden youth.

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