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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Edison High Hosts AP Celebration**  
**Edison Students Persevere on AP Tests During Distance Learning**

Edison High School celebrated 365 current 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who were among those receiving a qualifying score on their 2021 Advanced Placement exams at a recognition event Sept. 30 in the school amphitheater. A total of 1,100 students took at least one AP test, and a total of 648 exams received a qualifying score.

Despite the challenges of distance learning during the 2020-21 school year, Edison students persevered. Most of the exams were given online this past year, which was a change from the typical pen and paper format. Students were able to adapt to and overcome this shift in format. For many Edison students, this was their first time taking an AP class and test.

The school celebrated the success of the students as it gears up for the new round of AP tests coming this spring. Edison anticipates that 1,000 students will take approximately 2,000 AP exams. Edison offers 23 AP courses. AP classes provide college-level courses for students. At the end of courses, students have the option of taking AP tests administered by the College Board at high schools. Colleges may accept a score of 3 or better on an AP test as credit toward completing the corresponding course.

Senior Gannon Peebles, who earned a qualifying score on all five AP exams he took, said, "After excelling on all of my AP exams, I feel relieved, but also proud. The tests were challenging

because of distance learning, but to see myself work through that and succeed fills me with a sense of incredible pride.”

Superintendent Bob Nelson: “Edison High students have an incredible history of success on AP tests, giving them a head start on their college classes. I’m especially proud of their results from this past spring because of the challenges of virtual learning and test taking.”

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