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We Raise New Jersey Announces New Funding Support from Prudential Financial

Trenton, NJ (January 3, 2019) – Today We Raise New Jersey announced that the coalition has received \$215,000 from Prudential Financial to support the group’s work over the next year in ensuring all New Jersey students graduate ready for college or to enter the workforce.

We Raise NJ is the only broad-based coalition focused specifically on advocacy for the ultimate goal of public education in New Jersey – graduating students ready for college, career, and active citizenship in the community. Funding from Prudential will allow We Raise NJ to expand organizational capacity and develop resources and convenings that align with the group’s six pillars for educational success: High Expectations, Committed and Supported School Staff, Family Engagement, Quality Instruction, Information on Student Progress, and Career Exploration.

The coalition works on behalf of all public-school students, parents, community members, and educators, with a particular focus on policies, programs, and school districts serving children of color and children living in poverty.

“We are grateful for Prudential’s generous support of our work to ensure all New Jersey students graduate from our high schools prepared to live, learn, and earn,” said Gregg Edwards, Executive Director of We Raise NJ. “This funding is an important vote of confidence in our efforts and demonstrates Prudential’s recognition that a broad coalition of stakeholders must work together to support strong educational pathways for every child in New Jersey.”

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About We Raise New Jersey: WRNJ advocates for the high-quality education every student deserves to be prepared for success in college, career, and community by harnessing the collective strength of New Jersey’s influential education, business, and civic organizations. Coalition members include: New Jersey PTA, JerseyCAN, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, New Jersey Council of County Colleges, New Jersey Business & Industry Association, and the New Jersey Charter Schools Association. For more information, visit <http://www.weraisenj.org/>, and follow <https://www.facebook.com/WeRaiseNJ/> and [@WeRaiseNJ](https://www.instagram.com/WeRaiseNJ/).