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## **Representative Arndt to present commendation to Noah Wobser**

**Perkins Township** – State Representative Steven Arndt will present an official commendation to Perkins High School senior Noah Wobser, who was recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar for the 2017-18 school year. Representative Arndt will visit February 9 at 3:15 pm to award Noah the commendation at PHS.

To qualify for this academic recognition, Noah took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test as a junior. Every year, the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program identifies and awards about 5,000 of the 250,000 Hispanic/Latino juniors who take the test and meet the grade point average of 3.5 or higher and selection index scores.

Last year, Perkins High School expanded administration of the PSAT to include grades 8-11, giving students the opportunity to take the test multiple times, familiarizing them with the standardized test and offering the prospect of scholarships.

"Not only do students like Noah become eligible for national recognition and scholarships, the PSAT/NMSQT is a tool we can use for assessment when we make course recommendations," said Perkins High School Principal and District Testing Coordinator Jeff Harbal.

"Before we administered the test to all four grade levels, we relied on student initiative and teacher recommendation to recognize AP potential. Now, we have data to support which students will be successful in these courses and more are seeing their own capability. This is resulting in additional students taking college-level courses to become college and career-ready when they leave our high school."

Through their College Board account, students can link to the Khan Academy, which individualizes practice tests based on their standardized test performance and targets areas for improvement. They can also take an interest survey and utilize numerous college planning tools.

Perkins High School is planning an AP Potential night for parents and students with information on course offerings and testing initiatives.

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