**PRESS RELEASE**

**Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology (PCSST) Army JROTC Earns Honor Unit with Distinction**

The PCSST JROTC Lion Battalion has once again earned the highest unit qualification possible for SY 2020-2021, first awarded during the last school year.

Only the top three percent of the over 1700 programs in Army JROTC earns the HUD rating. PCSST is one of six NJ JROTC programs to make this distinction and the only Charter School.

This achievement required the cadet battalion to score at least 95% on a rigorous 5-hour inspection conducted by the JROTC Chief from the U.S Army's 2nd ROTC Brigade at Fort Dix, NJ. PCSST's JROTC received a 97% score on the overall JPA evaluation.

This inspection occurs only once every three years and is maintained over the three years by a thorough review of the unit's annual report of the 75 events in which the cadets participate each year.

In recognition of this achievement, the cadets will continue to wear the HUD star insignia on their uniforms proudly.

