

## **Urban NJ School District Finds Success With Measuring Up**

A large urban NJ district that was on the state list of 150 schools that are the lowest performing and in danger of being taken over by the state. During the 2004-05 school year they implemented the full Measuring Up program of Measuring Up ePath, an electronic formative assessment system, plus print worktexts for students in grade 4, 8, and 10 for both Language Arts and Math.

### **Grade 4 info:**

After taking the 2005 NJASK the test results came back showing that 63% of the schools showed an increase in the amount of students deemed proficient on the Language Arts test and 79% of the schools met Safe Harbor. 3 of the schools saw an increase of over 65% in proficiency with 18% being the average change. As a district the level of proficiency went up 13% from 2004 to 2005, meeting Safe Harbor requirements.

When looking at the Math scores the results were more impressive. 90% of the school's level of proficiency increased (17 out of 19 schools) and 90% met Safe Harbor. The average change in proficiency by school was over 44% with 6 schools having changes of over 69%. As a district they met Safe Harbor and the level of proficiency increased 24% on the NJASK4 Math test.

### **Grade 8 info:**

Of the 8 schools that had students participate on the GEPA (NJ Grade 8 test) the results were also quite positive. The average change in proficiency of the 8 schools was an increase of 8% with 3 schools increasing their proficiency level by over 20%. The Math scores also showed positive results for the GEPA test. The average change in proficiency among the 8 schools was an increase of 39%, with 6 schools showing improvement 4 of them had gains in proficiency of over 50%.

### **HS info:**

Just as in the other testing areas the high schools also showed improvement from the 2004 to 2005 state exams. Of the 4 high schools in the district 3 of the 4 had an increase in proficiency on the Math section of the HSPA with one school increasing by over 145% and the other two increasing by 31% and 63%. The Language Arts also saw an increase in the improvement of proficiency on the HSPA exam. Again 3 of the 4 had an increase in proficiency coming out to an average increase of 24% increase. The school that had the highest increase was the lowest performing school in the 2003-2004 school year, they had a 57% increase in proficiency on the 2005 Language Arts section of the HSPA

The district was so please with the result of the Measuring Up program they expanded on the program to include grades 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, and 11 in both Language Arts and Math. Not only has the product shown results the district hoped for but the Superintendent has pleased with the care Peoples Publishing has shown as she stated "What we appreciate most from Peoples Publishing is the support they provide to my administrative and teaching staff. The have exceeded my expectations in their commitment to assisting in the implementation and training as well as customized modifications for our district to make the program the most successful for both students and teachers.