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### **MASD Leaps Seven Spots in State Honor Roll, Advances Three Spots in County Rankings**

Moon Area School District has increased its ranking on the 2009 Pittsburgh Business Times Honor Roll by three spots among local public school districts and by seven spots amid public districts statewide.

Moon Area is ranked 17 out of 106 school districts in the surrounding seven-county region and 55 out of 500 school districts throughout the commonwealth.

The annual ranking of school districts is published each spring based on the three years of Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) exam scores with recent scores being the most relevant.

Beyond the Honor Roll, the newspaper's Guide to Western Pennsylvania Schools edition also assigns districts an Overachiever Ranking by calculating overall academic achievement in combination with economic hardships. In this area, Moon Area gained 19 spots to land at 58 in local rankings and 43 spots to be ranked 249<sup>th</sup> statewide.

Allard, Hyde, Brooks and Bon Meade third and fifth-grade students as well as eighth-graders and high school juniors were ranked according to PSSA scores versus their peers in other districts.

Hyde Elementary fifth-graders made the largest gain by climbing 55 places to be No. 53 out of 291 local elementary schools and Allard third-graders increased 39 spots to be No. 40.

McCormick Elementary is not included in the building-specific rankings as only one year of data exists for Moon Area's new school.

For ranking and information compiled by district administration, [click here](#).

For more information on the Pittsburgh Business Time's Guide to Western Pennsylvania Schools, [click here](#).