Press Release

Freehold: Students from the Freehold Borough (K-8) school district are headed to Kean University on March 15, 2014 to participate the State Bowl of the Future Problem Solving Program. Two teams of students and one individual student qualified after earning one of the state’s top ten scores in their category during the program qualifying rounds.

The Future Problem Solving Program is a nonprofit educational corporation administering creative problem solving activities for students in grades K-12. Founded in 1974 by creativity pioneer, Dr. E. Paul Torrance, the program stimulates critical and creative thinking skills and encourages students to develop a vision for the future. Freehold Borough School District offers this program to students in the Gifted and Talented program, grades 5 through 8, as a means to enrich their academic experiences.

Qualifying Freehold Borough teams and individuals include:

Middle Division Team - Global Issues Problem Solving
Evan Ciok (7th Grade), Dylan Feiling (7th Grade), Caroline Laberde (8th Grade), all from Freehold Intermediate School.

Junior Division Team - Global Issues Problem Solving
Emily Contract (6th Grade), Joseph LoCurcio (6th Grade), Freehold Intermediate School.
William Edwards (5th Grade), Jillian Laberde (5th Grade), Park Avenue Elementary School
Erhan Hoque (5th Grade), Lauren Nonnenmacher (5th Grade) Freehold Learning Center

Individual Competitor (Middle Division) - Global Issues Problem Solving
Nameera Hoque (8th Grade) from Freehold Intermediate School

The Future Problem Solving Program teaches a six-step model which serves as the foundation to build dynamic, creative thinking processes. Students identify challenges related to a topic, select an underlying problem and produce a solution to that problem. They then generate and select criteria to evaluate solution ideas, evaluate solution ideas to determine the best action plan, then develop an action plan.

Teams or individuals placing first at the State Bowl will be invited to compete in the Future Problem Solving Program International Competition held June 12-15, 2014 on the campus of Iowa State University.

The Freehold Borough Public School District serves students PK-8 and comprises over 1,580 students. The district has two elementary schools and one middle school. Students attend high school in the Freehold Regional High School District.

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Caption: Future Problem Solving Program qualifying students from Freehold Borough: Back (left to right) Emily Contract (6th Grade), Joseph LoCurcio (6th Grade), William Edwards (5th Grade), Nameera Hoque (8th Grade), Evan Ciok (7th Grade). Front (left to right) Jillian Laberde (5th Grade), Lauren Nonnenmacher (5th Grade), Erhan Hoque (5th Grade), Dylan Feiling (7th Grade), Caroline Laberde (8th Grade).