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Transcript

Governor Christie: We need to make sure that we continue to work hard together to improve conditions here, but not just conditions. We need to work hard to continue to improve the results that all of you are able to accomplish and produce for your families. I am not satisfied nor content with the way things are going in the Newark school system, nor will I be, until I have the feeling that in the place where I was born and spent the first five years of my life that kids in this room have just as good an opportunity to be able to achieve whatever it is they want to achieve as long as they're willing to work hard. My mother told me my entire time growing up that God gave me many gifts, and that if I were willing to work hard enough I could be anything that I wanted to be. I want every child in this room and the children that you represent across Newark to feel exactly the same way, that the only thing, the only thing that you should be worrying about is working as hard as you possibly can, that we supply you with the rest of the tools that you're going to need to achieve your fullest potential, whatever that is, whether there's artists in here, whether there's musicians, whether there's engineers or doctors, whether there are lawyers, or whether there's another governor in this room, maybe more than one, we'll all make sure that we do our part and you need to do yours. I will not be content to continue to listen to the status quo in the Newark public school system because that status quo has consistently and regularly failed the families of this city and so, whether it's new buildings or new approaches, we're going to take all of them and we're going to continue to do that right through the last day that I serve as Governor, because that's the task that was given to me and that's what we need to do for all of you and for your families. And so we have lots of work to do, lots of work to continue to do, and all of you have the opportunity to be able to benefit from that work with work of your own. Remember that no one can read the book for you but you. No one can do the math problems for you but you. No one can learn the science projects but you. No one can learn the music or the art but you. We can place these things in front of you, but in the end this is up to you. You have to decide how hard you want to work. I hope that you

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decide that hard work is something that you owe your families, because they believe in you. They trust you. They love you, and you in return only have to give them two things: your love in return and your hard work at school every day. If you do those two things I'm sure that any parent in this room or at work today, when you come home to see them, will be content, in fact thrilled, with the idea that their child loves them and is working as hard as they can every day to become the smartest, most accomplished, best person you can possibly be, and that's all I ask of you as well. We'll continue to do the things that we need to do. You work hard, and I think the whole thing will work very, very well, not just for you and your families but for the people of the state.

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