Mr. Reed was recognized for his leadership and development of a local chapter of buildOn, a non-profit organization that empowers high school students to make a difference in the lives of others. Participants not only make tremendous contributions of community service in their own cities and neighborhoods, they actually build schools and bring literacy to children and adults around the world.

Under Mr. Reed’s leadership, buildOn members at Lower Merion High have completed over 66,000 hours of service! Their activities have included collecting recyclables; promoting recycling at Phillies games; and volunteering for Philabundance, a Delaware Valley food bank, where they sorted 5,000 pounds of pasta into two pound bags! And these are only a few examples of the programs that Mr. Reed inspired.

According to his school principal who nominated him for this award, Mr. Reed’s common sense, good judgment, and communication skills have made him a leader not just in his school, but in the entire school district.