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Governor Corzine Calls for Parents to Work with Schools in Support of Student Learning and Achievement

New Brunswick, NJ – Governor Jon Corzine has again declared October 2009, as Parent Involvement Month. The proclamation was issued at the request of the New Jersey State Parent Information and Resource Center (NJPIRC), a program of Prevent Child Abuse NJ, to highlight the important role parents play in their children’s education. This proclamation urges schools, parents and communities to partner for academic success, and encourages families to get involved in their child’s school system as a means to promote their learning and achievement. In recognition of Parent Involvement Month, NJPIRC hosts events and facilitates activities throughout the month to foster these partnerships. Among the events being celebrated in October:

- The award of \$300 stipends to 15 public schools and 6 early childhood programs to plan local parent involvement events;
- A financial stipend to enhance NJPIRC Parent Resource Centers housed in local school buildings which offer materials and technology to engage parents in school activities;
- The distribution of thousands of Parent Involvement Pledge Cards that ask families to make a concrete promise to support their child’s learning at home;
- Tip sheets and resources available in several languages at www.njpirc.org to guide families and educators in working together;
- Community events and fairs throughout the state that share information on effective parent involvement, and offer fun activities bringing parents and children together. Most notable are several events with entertainment taking place at: Shore Mall in Egg Harbor Township on October 3, 2009; Newport Mall in Jersey City on October 19, 2009; Jersey Gardens in Elizabeth on October 24 and 25, 2009; and PNC Bank on 18 North Olden Avenue, Trenton on October 24, 2009.

NJPIRC leads Parent Involvement Month to promote meaningful communication between families and schools, and foster a shared commitment to student learning and achievement. For additional resources, event details and other information regarding parental involvement activities, visit www.njpirc.org or call 1-800-CHILDREN.

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