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## **Governor Chris Christie Proclaims Parent Involvement Month**

**New Brunswick, NJ** - Governor Chris Christie has declared October 2010 as Parent Involvement in Education Month in New Jersey. The proclamation was issued at the request of the New Jersey State Parent Information and Resource Center (NJPIRC), a program of Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey, to highlight the important role parents play in supporting and promoting their children's education. With this proclamation, NJPIRC urges schools, parents and communities to take an active role in the education of New Jersey students, and encourages parents to work with their child's school to review and implement parental involvement policies that promote meaningful communication and provide ongoing strategies to improve academic programs.

In addition to the Northern New Jersey Parent Empowerment Summit held September 25th in Newark to launch Parent Involvement in Education Month, NJPIRC will host several events and projects throughout the month of October to encourage parent involvement in New Jersey's public schools including:

- \* Sixteen public schools from across the State have been awarded mini-grants from NJPIRC to host a Parent Involvement event in their school community;
- \* Parent Involvement Pledge Cards are being disseminated to schools, libraries and community agencies;
- \* On-line and print resources for schools and community organizations have been developed to guide families and educators in working together in the school community.

Communities across the state are urged to get involved. Educational resources, event details and other information regarding parental involvement activities are available at [www.njpirc.org](http://www.njpirc.org) or 1.800.CHILDREN.

The New Jersey Parent Information Resource Center (NJPIRC) is a program of Prevent Child Abuse - NJ and is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. NJPIRC provides leadership and technical assistance to non-profit organizations and local educational agencies to help organizations put successful and effective parental involvement programs in place. These policies and activities lead to improvements in student academic achievement.