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### **WOODBINE CHOSEN FOR NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES EDUCATION FOUNDATION FIFTH ANNUAL MAYOR'S BOOK CLUB**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that Mrs. Newman's first grade class at Woodbine Elementary has been chosen to participate in the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Education Foundation Fifth Annual Mayor's Book Club.

The cornerstone of this initiative is to engage municipal leaders and their local partners in the development and maintenance of a Mayor's Book Club that enhances early literacy achievement for first graders.

This innovative model connects the school, parents, and community members, college faculty, and teacher candidates. Mayors become involved in the local schools to highlight the importance of early literacy, and to organize an array of strategies that promote wide reading, literacy engagement, achievement, and collaboration.

First graders who read at least eight books between February and May 1 will receive certificates at a Literacy celebration in May. If the students read 1000 books, the school will be given \$1,000 to spend on the first grade classroom library.

"I am enthused to be part of this excellent Early Childhood opportunity and look forward to my days reading with Mrs. Newman's class," concluded Mayor Pikolycky. "The League and Mayors throughout the State have long embraced the Read Across America "Dr. Seuss Day" annually, and this presents another opportunity to expand the participation of municipal leaders in interacting with their school districts and thus broadening the students' experiences."