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### **WOODBINE MAKES COMMUNITY SCHOOL FUNDING APPLICATION**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made an application for Fiscal Year 2009 Federal Appropriations in the amount of \$450,000 for funding for the community school.

This application requests funding to enhance facilities within the multi-use community school complex to rejuvenate this over 35-year old educational facility, and thus extend its useful life by another three decades, thereby eliminating the need for a full replacement at substantially higher costs to the taxpayer.

This project would reconstruct the major building systems of the school, including HVAC, electric, roof, windows and doors which need replacement due to age and condition, and which are the most essential components of a larger school renovation. The school, built in the middle 1960s, still contains its original components.

Single pane non-insulated windows will be replaced with high efficiency assemblies; antiquated HVAC systems will be upgraded; security, communications, and electrical systems will be replaced and upgraded along with an emergency generator, the leaking roof replaced, and a new solar photovoltaic cell alternative energy system installed. This solar energy system will reduce annual utility bills for the daily operation of the facility and generate revenue in the form of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) through the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities program on an annual basis.

Incorporation of higher efficiency systems and an alternative energy system will reduce the annual operating cost to the taxpayers while substantially reducing the carbon footprint of the building on the overall environment.

This funding would leverage the over one million dollars for which the school is eligible from the New Jersey Department of Education School Construction Program.

“In the past, the Borough has garnered approximately \$5 million in various County, State and federal funds for various projects related to reviving its community school, resulting in, among other improvements, the addition of a community school gymnasium/recreation center and a library/technology center, in-process upgrades to the outdoor recreational facilities, the parking lot area, including lighting, drainage, and landscaping. When Woodbine was a 2005 recipient of Federal appropriations funding in the amount of \$250,000 for the Community School Complex, then-Senator, now Governor, Corzine personally visited the Borough to present Woodbine with the grant award. I thank our United State Senators Lautenberg and Menendez for making us aware of and supporting this funding opportunity,” added Mayor Pikolycky. “Congressman LoBiondo joins them in supporting this application.”