

Four Atlantic County schools are 'Just for the Kids'

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TRENTON — Four Atlantic County schools were recognized by the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence (BCEE) as the 2006 "Just for the Kids - New Jersey Benchmark Schools." The North Main Street School in Pleasantville, Mullica Twp. Middle School, Folsom Elementary School and Absegami High School serving students from Galloway Twp., Egg Harbor City and Washington Twp. were selected based on outstanding performance on the state's standardized assessments in grades four, eight and 11.

Representatives of 69 New Jersey schools received recognition at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce on April 26. At an event with representatives from Washington Mutual, Prudential Financial, Educational Testing Services and the N.J. Department of Education, BCEE President Dana Egreczky said, "The schools honored today represent a level of excellence that we would like all New Jersey schools to achieve."

Washington Mutual Senior Vice President and group manager Randy Grimm said, "We must continue to identify best practices in teaching and improve the academic performance of New Jersey's students, especially in math and science, to better equip them for the jobs of the future."

BCEE uses data from the

Just for the Kids Web site to select schools for recognition. The schools were selected for outperforming other schools of similar size and student population, including low-income and limited English proficient status.

The North Main Street School was selected for its improvement in grade four; Mullica Township Middle School was selected for improving the proficient/advanced proficiency of its eighth-graders; Folsom Elementary School was selected for improvement of its eighth-graders; and Absegami High School was recognized for improvement in the proficient/advanced proficient range of its eleventh-graders.

"We are very proud to credit such hard working schools as Just for the Kids - New Jersey Benchmark Schools. This accomplishment should not go unnoticed," Egreczky said.

BCEE at the N.J. Chamber of Commerce is committed to ensuring that all students achieve at high levels, become productive citizens and are well prepared to succeed in the workplace. BCEE serves as the voice of business in education policy debate, and supports programs that address the business agenda in education reform.

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Business; Coalition for Educational Excellence President Dana Egreczky, Mullica Township Middle School eighth grade teachers Regina Strawn and Susan Ailes, District Superintendent Richard Goldberg and Washington Mutual Senior Regional Manager Mary Beth Sullivan.

