

Five county schools recognized for high achievement

By **BUSINESS COALITION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

Five Camden County schools were recently named 2007 Just for the Kids-New Jersey Benchmark Schools for attaining high rates of student achievement on state tests.

Benchmark Schools are schools designated by the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence (BCEE) at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce using data from the state's HSPA (High School Proficiency Assessment), GEPA (Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment), or N.J. ASK (Assessment of Skills and Knowledge). A total of 73 schools throughout the state received this honor.

Assessment data are annually posted to the Just for the Kids-New Jersey Web site at www.just4kids.org.

Just for the Kids (J4TK) is a powerful tool that helps educa-

tors analyze data about their schools to use toward creating blueprints for improvement or continued success. The Just for the Kids Web site presents fair and relevant pictures of a school's performance by comparing them with schools with similar student populations.

The Camden County Benchmark Schools include:

- Atlantic Avenue Elementary School, Haddon Heights;
- Elizabeth Haddon Elementary School, Haddonfield;
- Clementon Elementary School, Clementon;
- Mary E. Volz Elementary School, Runnemede;
- Cherry Hill East High School, Cherry Hill.

"The Just for the Kids-New Jersey Benchmark Schools should make everyone proud of what is possible in great educational environments," said Dana Egreczky, president, Business Coalition for Educational Excel-

lence. "We hope these schools will stand as role models for others around the state. We owe our young people the best chance for a rewarding future."

The Business Coalition for Educational Excellence (BCEE) at the New Jersey 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. The BCEE serves as the voice of business in the education policy debate, and supports programs that address the business agenda in education reform.

The BCEE is guided by its accountability to the business community. BCEE programs are supported by tax-deductible contributions made to the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation.

For more information, visit www.bcee.org.

