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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER II NAMED AFTER LONGTIME PERTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

Perth Amboy, NJ – At the scheduled Board of Education meeting held on Thursday, April 24, 2008 the board adopted a measure naming the Early Childhood Center II, which is currently being constructed at 925 Amboy Ave., the Edmund Hmieleski, Jr. Early Childhood Center.

“Mr. Hmieleski served the Perth Amboy Public Schools proudly and admirably as a longtime Board of Education member,” stated Mr. John M. Rodecker, Superintendent of Schools. “He is certainly deserving of this recognition in light of all that he accomplished and provided to the community.”

Edmund Hmieleski, Jr. had a long heroic journey before being elected to the Perth Amboy Board of Education in 1972. He honorably served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Italy, North Africa and Okinawa. Mr. Hmieleski received the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, the European/African Middle Eastern Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Service Medal and the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal. Upon his return, Mr. Hmieleski was an entrepreneur. He worked in the family trucking business for 60 years and was the President of Hmieleski Trucking for nearly a half a century.

Edmund Hmieleski served the city of Perth Amboy in various capacities:

- Member of the Perth Amboy Board of Education – 1972-1986 (served as board president for 11 years).
- Commissioner of the Parking Authority
- Commissioner of the Port Authority
- Knights of Columbus – San Salvador Council 299
- Elks Lodge 2151
- Moose Lodge 1360

- VFW John B. Egan Post 663 (Past & Post Commander)
- American Legion Post 45
- Raritan Traffic Club
- Jersey Coast Traffic Club
- Navy League – Jersey Shore Council
- Roosevelt Park War Memorial Committee
- Veteran Victory Bridge Committee
- Lawrence Harbor First Aid Squad

Mr. Hmieleski was also an instrumental leader in the planning and production of the Perth Amboy Veterans Monument located on Sadowski Parkway and helped to initiate R.O.T.C. in Perth Amboy High School.

“Mr. Edmund Hmieleski, Jr. is deserving of the high honor of bestowing his name upon this new school,” stated Mr. Steve Jobin, Board of Education Member and Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. “The Edmund Hmieleski, Jr. Early Childhood Center is an appropriate acknowledgement and celebration of his service and love for our country, our town and our students.”

The final design for the approximately \$13 million project, which is scheduled to be complete by January of 2009, is a 50,625 square feet Early Childhood Center, which will accommodate a maximum of 405 Pre-Kindergarten students. There will be 27 classrooms and multi-purpose rooms. The concept of the Edmund Hmieleski, Jr. Early Childhood Center is to provide shared specialized program spaces conveniently located within the building for access by both school attendees and residents of the community.

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