

PRESS RELEASE

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Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made a Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriation request, in collaboration with the Woodbine School District, in the amount of nearly two million dollars to fund the expansion and enhancement of the long-range plan to develop a multi-use community center and all-purpose complex within Woodbine Elementary School. We were jointly invited by United States Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez, as well as by First District Congressman Frank Lobliondo, to submit this request. If approved, these funds will leverage an additional 2 million dollars. These funds would enable the community school to be suitable for activities for the Borough and surrounding communities.

Woodbine was successful in 2002 when then Senator Corzine as well as Senator Lautenberg and Congressman LoBiondo secured \$250,000 for the present ongoing community school project, currently a four million dollar project, which includes a 7000 square foot school/county library and a ten thousand square foot all-purpose gymnasium and which had a number of stakeholders leveraging these funds.

This application if successful will enable Woodbine to upgrade its K-8 elementary school facility by a construction cost total amount of 7.702 million dollars.

The Borough has also made a second appropriation request in the amount of \$250,000 for funds to create an emergency management center. The funds will be used to retrofit and update the proposed site at the Woodbine Ambulance Corps Building, bringing it up to emergency management standards and for the purchase of a 4-wheel drive emergency management vehicle. The Borough will have the potential to act as a satellite county-wide emergency management and evacuation center. With over 100,000 people living in Cape May County, these new facilities will be necessary in the event of a natural disaster and subsequent evacuations.

“Both of these requests have been given high recommendations by our federal representatives,” added Mayor Pikolycky.