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Anne Dillman Sworn-in to Fifth Term on State Board of Education

Anne Dillman of Perth Amboy today was sworn in to her fifth consecutive term on the New Jersey State Board of Education. Dillman, a former president of the state board and an active member of a national organization for board members, is marking her 25th year as a board member and is its longest current serving member.

"In working with Mrs. Dillman on the state board, I have always appreciated her dedication to children and her commitment to the state board and the department," said Maud Dahme, president of the State Board of Education.

"This is a very happy day for me," said Dillman. "My focus as a state board member has always been on the students and giving them the opportunity to lead successful lives by attending the public schools. I deeply appreciate having the privilege to continue this work as a member of the state board."

Anne Dillman was first appointed to the state board in 1975 and was elected board vice president in 1976, 1977 and again in 1991 and 1996. She served as president from 1992 through 1996.

During her tenure as president, Dillman played an active role in key education policy issues. Under her leadership, the board strengthened academic requirements at the high school level by implementing core course proficiencies and achievement standards. In addition, the board established a graduation test (HSPT) at the 11th grade level and an Early Warning Test for eighth grade students. Dillman has been a strong advocate of Family Life Education and has been recognized for her efforts by the New Jersey Network for Family Life Education at the Rutgers University School of Social Work.

Dillman has played a key role in other major education initiatives, including the implementation of a streamlined school monitoring system, the strengthening of school staff certification requirements and the state takeovers of the Paterson and Newark school districts.

She formerly chaired the state board's Tenured Teacher Evaluation and Principal Certification committees and has served on several other board committees, including the legal committee.

On the national scene, Anne has been an active member of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). In 1994, she was one of three recipients of NASBE's Distinguished Service Award, which she received at the organization's national conference. Dillman was the Northeast Area Director of NASBE from 1990-92.

In 1994, Dillman was among a select group of leading American educators who traveled to Poland to participate in the *March of the Living*, a special event designed to heighten awareness of the Holocaust.

Dillman has been recognized through the years for her contributions as a state and community leader, including the Perth Amboy Achievement Award in 1993, the Humanitarian of the Year Award in 1992, and the New Jersey Women of Achievement Award in 1991. The City of Perth Amboy expressed its gratitude for her service by naming a street in her honor - Dillman Lane.

Dillman holds an associate degree in accounting from Mary Washington College, University of Virginia. She is married, has two children and two grandchildren.

The state board of education is an appointed body that sets the rules to carry out state education law, including rules for the supervision and governance of the state's public schools. In addition, the board approves educational policies proposed by the Commissioner, confirms the Commissioner's appointments, and decides appeals of the Commissioner's decisions of alleged violations of school law and charter school approvals.

State Board of Education members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the New Jersey State Senate. Board members serve for six-year terms without compensation. By law, at least three of the state board's 13 members must be women and no two members may be appointed from the same county.