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New Jersey Students Prepare for Groundhog Job Shadow Day Activities

Approximately 18,000 New Jersey students in grades 7 through 11 are participating in Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2002 activities this week. The event is designed to promote career exploration for young teen students by exposing them to occupations in which they have expressed interest.

"Groundhog Job Shadow Day gives students opportunities to meet people in various public and private occupations and professions," said Commissioner of Education William L. Librera. "I encourage students and their sponsors to participate in this valuable experience now and throughout the year."

Last year, 15,000 New Jersey students shadowed adults from 1,500 sponsors representing private industry and state, local and county government. This year, more than 1,500 sponsors are expected to host students.

This year's activities will include Virtual Job Shadowing. Sponsored by Monster.com, Virtual Job Shadowing will allow students with access to the Internet to shadow working professionals online. Students will be able to see what takes place in the typical day of more than 20 professionals, from doctors to zookeepers.

Groundhog Job Shadow is a national event co-sponsored by America's Promise, the Society of Human Resource Management and Junior Achievement.

Reporters, editors and photographers are encouraged to call their local schools for news about how their students are planning to participate in Groundhog Job Shadow Day. More information about Groundhog Job Shadow Day and Virtual Job Shadowing is available from the event's website:

www.jobshadow.org