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### **Edward M. Taylor, Sr. Sworn In as Newest Member of State Board of Education**

Edward M. Taylor, Sr., of Somerdale, Camden County, was sworn in today as the newest member of the State Board of Education. Taylor was appointed by Governor James E. McGreevey to a term that expires in June 2008.

"I am very pleased and honored to have this opportunity to serve children as a member of the State Board," said Taylor, a retired school administrator who currently works as a private consultant and psychologist. "I have an extensive background in special education, and I hope to bring my experiences to the table to ensure that these children are served by the proper programs and in the proper settings.

"I strongly support Governor McGreevey's efforts in early literacy," Taylor said. "I believe that such programs will help acclimate young students to school and improve their academic achievement in the years to come."

Through volunteer work with correctional institutions, Taylor said he is also interested in helping juvenile offenders receive the proper supports to help make their transition from institution to school a successful one.

Taylor is a career educator who worked for most of his career in the Camden Public Schools. He started as a guidance counselor at Camden High School in 1972. His subsequent assignments included school psychologist and supervisor of child study teams. In 1993, he was named director of special services for the Camden Public Schools, a position he held until his retirement in 1999.

Taylor graduated from Delaware State University with a degree in health and physical education. After graduating, he was inducted into the U.S. Army, where he served for two years as a physical training specialist for troops in the United States and Germany. During these years, he earned certification as a professional official in the sports of football, basketball and baseball.

After his military service, Taylor returned to school, where he earned his master's degree in personnel services and educational psychology from Glassboro State College, now known as Rowan University. In 1981, he received certification in school psychology from Glassboro State.

Before he came to Camden, Taylor taught health and physical education for four years in Deptford Township.

Taylor has served the community on many levels. He is a former trustee of the New Jersey Department of Corrections and has been a member of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Advisory Committee. He is a current councilman for the Borough of Somerdale and Commissioner for the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority. He belongs to three military organizations: Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons; Past Illustrious Potentate of Zamora Temple #73, Camden; Past Commander-in-chief, DeHugo Consistory #2, Camden; and Past Master of Tuscan Lodge #49, Paulsboro.

Taylor and his wife Margaret have two sons and one grandson. Margaret Taylor is a retired educator of 35 years, of which 32 were served in Deptford Township High School.

State Board of Education members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the New Jersey State Senate. Members serve for six-year terms without compensation.