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National Assembly on School-Based Health Care Names New Executive Director

Washington, DC, March 24, 2009 – The National Assembly on School-Based Health Care’s (NASBHC) Board of Directors has named Linda Juszczak, DNSc, MPC, CPNP, RN, one of NASBHC’s founders, a former Board President, and NASBHC’s current Interim Executive Director as the permanent Executive Director.

Board of Directors President, Paul Melinkovich, MD, stated, “We believe that Linda knows the organization and SBHCs better than anyone else and has much to contribute to our future growth and development as we move NASBHC forward. After reviewing many applicants for the position, Linda emerged as the strongest candidate. Her insight and proven leadership abilities have been and will continue to be an asset to the organization.”

NASBHC is the national voice for school-based health care. Founded in 1995 to promote and support the SBHC model, NASBHC strives for a future where all children and adolescents are achieving at their fullest potential. Built from the grassroots up by SBHC staff and sponsors, NASBHC is a true reflection of the movement it supports. The organization advocates for national policies, programs, and funding to expand and strengthen SBHCs, while also supporting the movement with training and technical assistance.

“In the 30 years that I have been working in the movement, I have never seen so much opportunity for growth in school-based health care,” said Linda. “The opportunity exists despite economic conditions unlike anything this country has seen in several decades. We at NASBHC are realizing successes and relationships both on and off Capitol Hill and I feel privileged to continue leading this dynamic staff in achieving our vision.”

Linda’s early career as a SBHC nurse practitioner in New York City and Long Island has provided her with a unique depth of experience and a strong perspective. There is no better person to lead NASBHC’s work – to celebrate the accomplishments in the organization’s rich history, and to position NASBHC securely in its future.

The National Assembly on School-Based Health Care is a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to improve the health status of children and youth by advancing and advocating for school-based health care.