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SUBJECT: J. P. MASCARO & SONS CONTINUES TO SUPPORT

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES WITH A \$10 MILLION

COMMITMENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

Local solid waste company, J. P. Mascaro & Sons, has a well-established history of supporting school and community educational initiatives, with the latest example being a \$10 million commitment to such initiatives over the next five years.

Speaking to the \$10 million commitment, company President, Pat Mascaro, said, "Our company has been actively involved in this segment of the community for many years, and we are happy to be in a position to increase our level of participation.

"My father and company founder, Joseph P. Mascaro, a man of limited education himself, was a strong proponent of education in others. He firmly believed a well-rounded education to be the key to individual and societal development," said Mascaro.

In recent years, Mascaro's participation in educational initiatives has exceeded \$6 million dollars, including student scholarships, environmental educational tours, educational grants,

educational capital improvements, community library support, and the development and implementation of Mascaro's "RESPECT" Program, an interactive educational program presented to over 300,000 students in area elementary schools that reminds young children of the importance of respect in their lives, including respect for the environment.

Lindsay Mascaro Ptaszenski, the company Director of Education and Community Relations, said, "With this recent \$10 million commitment, our company will continue its support of a broad array of educational initiatives, as it has before.

"Nothing but good comes from such initiatives, whether at the school or community level, and my job is to make sure our company maximizes its support of beneficial educational initiatives," added Ptaszenski.

"Our company's continuing commitment to the educational sector has also had a positive business benefit as well," said Ptaszenski, "with Mascaro now providing waste-related services to a growing number of schools and educational institutions."