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National Assembly on School-Based Health Care Hires Policy Director

Washington, DC, July 20, 2009 – The National Assembly on School-Based Health Care (NASBHC), the premier school-based health center (SBHC) advocacy and technical assistance organization is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Kilbourne, Esq. as the new Director of Policy and Advocacy. Kilbourne will have responsibility for implementing NASBHC’s federal advocacy agenda and determining policy opportunities on the local, state, and federal level.

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. The organization advocates for national policies, programs, and funding to expand and strengthen SBHCs, while also supporting the movement with training and technical assistance.

“With health care reform legislation moving through Congress and three bills supporting SBHCs introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives this year, the new hire is particularly timely and exciting, said NASBHC Executive Director, Linda Juszczak, DNS. “We are incredibly lucky that we found someone with Susan’s level of experience and expertise and the Board of Directors and I are confident Susan will hit the ground running during this opportunistic time for SBHCs.”

Kilbourne has over twenty years experience in non-profit government relations, specializing in children’s rights. Ms. Kilbourne’s previous position was as Vice President and Training Director for the Center on Lobbying in the Public Interest, where she coordinated a nation-wide cadre of trainers and provided technical assistance and training on nonprofit issues, including lobbying. She also served as the Public Policy Director for the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network a national organization promoting safe schools for all students. Before that, she held the position of Vice President of Advocacy and Outreach at Voices for America’s Children. Her passion for children’s rights stemmed from her time as the Assistant Director for Child Rights International Research Institute and in a pro bono capacity with several organizations working to promote children’s rights, including Amnesty International.

“I am looking forward to working for an organization with such a strong record of promoting the health and potential of our nation’s youth. In this new role, I can utilize the breadth of my professional and educational experience and continue in my commitment to children’s rights.”

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.