

National Healthy Schools Hero Award

Charles Eley, Founding Executive Director, CHPS Receives National Healthy Schools Hero Award

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(PRLog.Org) – Sep 26, 2007 – (San Francisco) Charles Eley, the California architect and founding Executive Director of the San Francisco-based Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) was presented with a National Healthy Schools Hero Award for 2007 on the eve of the first annual CHPS Conference in San Francisco.

In presenting the Award on behalf of the Board of Directors of Healthy Schools Network, Inc., a member of CHPS, Claire Barnett, Executive Director, said:

“We salute the work you have done to develop and define healthy and high performance school buildings. CHPS recognized early on that just as children are not biologically ‘little adults’, that schools are not architecturally ‘little offices’. With your leadership, CHPS has elevated the importance of the schoolhouse and helped states and cities rapidly accelerate the numbers of schools that can implement healthy and high performance designs. Healthy plus green equals A+ in our book!”

Also today in Albany, NY, Healthy Schools Network-New York Director and staff are attending a state inter-agency press conference celebrating NY-CHPS, new statewide school facility design standards developed by the education, environment, health, and energy agencies.

Healthy Schools Hero Awards-2007 honorees include: Ramona Trovato, founding and former Director, US EPA Office of Children’s Health Protection; Joellen Lawson, Honorary Chair, CT Foundation for Environmentally Safe Schools; Tolle Graham, Coordinator, MA-Healthy Schools Network at MassCOSH; Carolyn Smith-Evans, co-founder and Chair, Healthy Schools Caucus of the National Education Association; Barbara Worth, VP, Council of Educational Facility Planners –International.

Healthy Schools Network, Inc. is a national not for profit environmental health organization dedicated to assuring that every child has healthy school that is clean and in good repair. It has shaped and secured federal and state funds to improve schoolhouses, fostered state policy reform groups, and worked with parents, personnel, schools and nonprofits in every state to advance healthier children and healthier schools.