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New East End School Dedication to Honor Former Educator Jettie S. Tisdale

BRIDGEPORT, CT May 30, 2008 – A new elementary school in Bridgeport’s East End will be named in honor of longtime City educator Jettie S. Tisdale at a ribbon cutting and dedication of the school on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at 1:30pm. The school is located at 250 Hollister Avenue in Bridgeport.

Jettie Tisdale was a school teacher and principal for more than 40 years in Bridgeport and Virginia. She served eight Bridgeport schools, beginning as a science teacher at Whittier and Wilbur Cross Schools, continuing as a guidance counselor at Read Middle and Harding High Schools, and then as a Principal at Maplewood, Newfield, McKinley, and finally, Longfellow Schools.

Feature stories in magazines including U.S. News and World Report have noted Jettie’s many contributions in the educational field, for which she won many state and national honors. Among other highlights of Ms. Tisdale’s career is her participation in a White House conference on Community Schools and testimony before the U.S. Senate concerning Children and Violence.

Ms. Tisdale was also an entrepreneur and a successful businesswoman. She was president of the Bridgeport based Jetline Industries, a manufacturer of sportswear for dancing, swimming and skating. As a licensed real estate broker and realtor, she was owner of Developer’s Realty Company.

She retired from the school system in 2002 and died of heart failure in May 2004. She was married to Charles B. Tisdale, Executive Director of Action for Bridgeport Community Development. They have one daughter, Stacey, who is a financial reporter and author.

“I am very honored that this new school will be named after my wife,” said Charles Tisdale. “Jettie worked very hard to serve the children of this community and her legacy lives on in this new school. Her whole life was centered around helping children.”

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