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Associated Grocers Sponsors School Investment Program for Pembroke, Allenstown, Chichester, Epsom & Deerfield Students

CONCORD, NH – The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center is pleased to today announce that Associated Grocers in Pembroke, NH is underwriting the made a contribution in the amount of for School Investment Program for students in SAU 53 (Pembroke, Allenstown, Chichester, Epsom and Deerfield)., which encompasses all of Concord's public schools. Thanks to a generous sponsorship in the amount of \$3,000 from Associated Grocers, students in this school district will receive free admission during field trips to the Discovery Center through February 28, 2010.

“We're very pleased to again play a roll here in the Pembroke area community,” said Mike Bourgoine, President and CEO of AG New England. “The Discovery Center is a true world class science center that is right in our back yard and it is something students can both learn and be inspired by.”

All students in the Concord school district will receive free admission during field trips to the Planetarium during the 2008-2009 school year made possible with the support of the Lincoln Financial Foundation. Corporate sponsors play an important role in expanding the School Investment Program as the Discovery Center looks to bring education to additional school districts across New Hampshire. Each year, thousands of elementary, middle and high school students participate in the Discovery Center's interactive programs by engaging in new, expressive ways of learning.

For more information on the School Investment Program, please call Kathleen Regan, Director of Development, at (603) 271-7827 X118 or visit www.starhop.com.

The new McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center is a lively science center, featuring 21st century interactive exhibits on aviation, astronomy, Earth and space sciences, a state-of-the-art planetarium and a variety of science and engineering programs.

The engaging, robust educational programs are geared towards families, teens, seniors, students, community groups, and lifelong learners. The Discovery Center includes facilities for conferences and special events, and a NASA Educator Resource Center.

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