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Governor Allocates \$1.5 Million to Safe Water Wells; Attends Tobacco Prevention Meeting

Governor Christie Whitman tomorrow will sign legislation that allocates \$1.5 million for carbon filtration systems for two wells in Dover Township. The Governor will sign the legislation while visiting the Washington Street School in Toms River. The Governor is going to the school to teach New Jersey history to a fourth grade class, keeping a promise to volunteerism that she made during her State of the State address in January.

Gov. Whitman will also attend the annual meeting of the American Medical Association's Smokeless States National Tobacco Prevention and Control Program where she will assure the convention that New Jersey is doing everything possible to ensure that kids kick the cigarette habit.

Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the national Smokeless States Program was launched in 1994 to reduce tobacco use among children. It has provided \$30 million in grants to programs in 28 states, including New Jersey Breathes. The group chose to hold its annual meeting in Princeton because of Governor Whitman's efforts to reduce teen smoking. Specifically, the group has lauded her for signing legislation that doubled the cigarette tax from 40 cents to 80 cents per pack in 1997.

Later in the day, the Governor will attend 410 Sprint Car Races at the New Egypt Speedway. While there, the Governor will test out a race car and will wave the starting flag for time trials.

