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School Board member Zucker serves on Florida Consortium of School Boards

SARASOTA – Caroline Zucker, vice chair of the School Board of Sarasota County, has been elected to a one-year term as secretary/treasurer of the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards. The affiliation of 11 school districts represents approximately 52 percent of the state’s K-12 student population and pays over 50 percent of the required local effort — property taxes collected by counties that fund public education throughout the state.

Zucker has served as a member of the School Board of Sarasota County for more than 13 years (1992-2000 and 2006-present), but it is her first time serving as secretary/treasurer for the Consortium.

“I am honored to serve the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards because I share its belief that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of Florida,” said Zucker.

The 11 districts of the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards are Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Indian River, Lee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, Pinellas, St. Lucie and Sarasota counties. The consortium’s goal is to increase the average funding per student to ensure that Florida is in the top half of the states and can provide a world-class education to enable its students to compete and excel in the global marketplace.

Zucker also serves as a director of the Florida School Boards Association, representing District 24 (Sarasota and Charlotte counties). She is coordinator of Volunteer Services for Jewish Family and Children’s Services of Sarasota-Manatee. She previously served as director of business development for the Family Counseling Service and owned and operated a full-service floor covering business.

Before moving to Florida in 1988, Zucker managed a nationwide communications program for an international chemical company, produced a video with Dr. Michael DeBakey of the Houston Baylor Medical Center on how to prevent heart attacks and edited a children’s magazine for Waldenbooks.

She has chaired the Sarasota County Juvenile Justice Council and the board of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Circuit 12. She has been a member of the Sarasota County Mentoring Task Force and the Education Foundation’s Evening of Excellence Committee. She is president of “Do the Right Thing,” a youth recognition program and has been active in the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce and the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce.

Zucker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Economics from Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York. She is married to Michael Zucker; they have three children and seven grandchildren.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: A photograph of Caroline Zucker is included with this news release.