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National Public Seating Corp. Protects its Melody Chair Market Rights.

CLIFTON , NJ – National Public Seating Corporation today announced successful resolution of a trade dress infringement lawsuit brought against it in July, 2006 by Wenger Corp of Owatonna, MN .

Following the expiration of the utility patent and the design patent on the Wenger Student Posture chair NPS launched its popular Melody Chair, as an alternative solution for music programs nationwide. Although its patents were expired, Wenger filed suit in Federal Court alleging a trade dress infringement by the NPS Melody Chair. Rather than undergo prolonged litigation, NPS decided to make slight modifications to the backrest height and rear leg curve of the Melody Chair, while maintaining the attractive appearance and important functional characteristics of the Melody Chair. Wenger agreed to accept these changes to satisfy its trade dress claim.

“The NPS Melody Chair continues to be available with enhanced band pitch posture comfort, and to fully complement existing music program installations,” says Barry Stauber , President of National Public Seating Corporation. “NPS will continue to actively and vigilantly protect our free market rights and the rights of the music program marketplace”.

Effective, January 15, 2007, NPS will begin marketing, selling and shipping the enhanced version of its Melody Chair, which interstacks with the original discontinued design. All Tablet Arms and Dolly accessories will of course match the enhanced style.

NPS, founded in 1997, provides quality, innovative Furniture and Equipment for the Institutional marketplace, backed up by support, service, prices and Quick Ship unparalleled in the industry.

In addition to its headquarters in Clifton, NJ, NPS has facilities in Tennessee, California, Taiwan and China.