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## FOUNDATION FOR TULSA SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES MOISES ECHEVERRIA AS NEW PRESIDENT & CEO

**TULSA, OKLA. (9/6/22)** - The Foundation for Tulsa Schools is pleased to announce Moises Echeverria as the new president and CEO effective September 27, 2022. As an experienced nonprofit business leader, Echeverria looks forward to working with the Foundation to foster its mission of building a better community through the support of Tulsa Public Schools.

With extensive experience leading local and statewide nonprofit organizations, Echeverria is well-equipped to lead the Foundation's fundraising and advocacy efforts for Tulsa Public Schools. Most recently, Echeverria served as president and CEO of the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice where he worked to create a more inclusive, just, and hospitable state for all Oklahomans.

"We are thrilled to welcome Moises as the president and CEO for the Foundation, and we look forward to seeing him advance the mission of the organization and increase support for Tulsa Public Schools," said Sarah Gould, Foundation for Tulsa Schools board chair. "Moises brings the skills and experience necessary to address the challenges facing our students, teachers, administration and public school system as a whole."

An East Central High School graduate, Echeverria's ties to public education in the city are longstanding, and his passions for education and giving back to the community have spurred his involvement in numerous statewide and local organizations. He currently serves on the Tulsa City-County Library Commission as a mayoral appointment, chair of the National Federation for Just Communities, the Tulsa Public Schools Community Advisory Committee, the Philbrook Museum Board and the Leadership Oklahoma Board. Additionally, Echeverria is a trustee of the Commemoration Fund and of Phillips Theological Seminary.

Echeverria has also been recognized for his work in the community, receiving numerous awards including the Impacto Hispanic Young Professional of the Year Award by the Tulsa Hispanic

Chamber of Commerce and the Oklahoma Human Rights Award by the Oklahoma Human Rights Alliance, and being named one of Oklahoma Magazines' Oklahomans of the Year.

"I look forward to stepping into this new role and serving the students, educators and staff of a school system that is very near to my heart," said Echeverria. "As a graduate of Tulsa Public Schools, I'm delighted to have the opportunity to use my skills and experiences to support the system that helped shape me into the person I am today. I believe a quality public education is the greatest resource to help individuals succeed in life, and I am confident that together with the Foundation's staff, board, and dedicated donors, we can work toward solutions to create a more equitable, high-quality learning environment for our students and Tulsa Public Schools family."

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## **About the Foundation for Tulsa Schools**

The Foundation for Tulsa Schools (FTS) is a community based 501(c)(3) nonprofit formed in 2001, to enhance the educational programs of Tulsa Public Schools; enlist community support and business assistance in providing additional educational resources and opportunities; communicate the need for continued community involvement in the process and mission of providing a first class public education; and facilitate the goal of providing an excellent education by raising revenues to increase educational opportunities. The Foundation for Tulsa Schools exists solely for the benefit of Tulsa Public Schools.