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What: Tulsa Public Schools and Foundation for Tulsa Schools celebrate over 40+ years of Partners in Education

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TULSA, Okla. – Tulsa Public Schools and the Foundation for Tulsa Schools are celebrating one of their longest-serving Partners in Education. T.D. Williamson has served as a partner for Robertson and McClure Elementary schools for more than 40 years.

Partners in Education - a program of the Foundation for Tulsa Schools - offers businesses and faith-based organizations an opportunity to support public education in Tulsa and build meaningful relationships with students and teachers by adopting a school through financial and volunteer assistance.

“One thing Tulsans do exceptionally well is supporting teachers, students, and schools. We are grateful for the many local organizations who have stepped up to serve as Partners in Education, and we look forward to welcoming more partners in the years to come,” said Superintendent Deborah Gist.

More than 40 years ago, T.D. Williamson adopted Robertson Elementary, choosing the school because of its location on the west side of Tulsa, within the community near the Williamson office. The company expanded its partnership in 2012 to also include McClure Elementary.

“Anything we can do to spark joy or let our schools know they have community support is critical. Whether it’s providing books for a literacy project or lunches to show our teachers that we care, our company is excited to help celebrate our schools,” said T.D. Williamson Senior Supervisor of Global Community Relations Annie Tomecek.

Both schools have collaborated with their partner to find solutions to meet their unique needs. T.D. Williamson has supported the schools in a number of ways, including:

- Organizing resource drives and literacy fairs;
- Providing volunteers for school activities and events;

- Donating snacks and meals for teacher appreciation;
- Ensuring that students have reusable water bottles and donating umbrellas for students who walk to school;
- Partnering with Junior Achievement to help organize student events; and
- Creating funding for school teams to use for programs, events, and projects..

Partners in Education has been a part of the Foundation for Tulsa Schools since January 2018 after transitioning from the Tulsa Regional Chamber. The Adopt-A-School program continuously welcomes community support through volunteering, in-kind donations, and financial contributions.

“Joining the Adopt-A-School program and becoming a Partner in Education is a rewarding opportunity for organizations to positively impact our schools and community,” said Foundation for Tulsa Schools President and CEO Moises Echeverria. “The generosity of our partners in lending their time, talents, and resources truly makes a difference in the lives of our students and teachers.”

To learn more about the program or to become a partner, visit:

www.foundationfortulaschools.org/partners-in-education.

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About The Foundation for Tulsa Schools

Founded in 2001, the Foundation for Tulsa Schools was established to build a better community through the support of Tulsa Public Schools. The Foundation believes that every child should have access to a quality education, the resources they need to learn, and a supportive environment in which to learn. The Foundation for Tulsa Schools is honored to be a champion for TPS students, teachers, and staff. We serve as a bridge between those who are passionate about public education and those who learn in, teach at, and support our schools. For more information on how you can support Tulsa Public Schools visit: www.foundationfortulaschools.org.

About Tulsa Public Schools

Tulsa Public Schools honors the diversity, creativity, and passion of our students, elevating every student to be designers of their destiny. Our students lead through literacy, are empowered through experience, and contribute to their community. Learn more at www.tulaschools.org.