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<u>Greater Trenton Community Unites to Launch</u> <u>New Public Education Foundation</u>

TRENTON – A virtual "who's who" of the Greater Trenton Community has come together to launch a new effort aimed at providing extra funding for scholarships and enlightened programming for Trenton Public School children. The new "Trenton Public Education Foundation, Inc. (TPEF)" will also seek opportunities to promote the school district's outstanding students, teachers and administrators.

"I'm pleased to announce the formation of the Trenton Public Education Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the educational experience of the students in the Trenton public schools," said Pamela Pruitt, Vice President of Business Development at WIMG/Morris Broadcasting, who will serve as the Foundation's President. "The foundation will strive through innovation and advocacy to achieve a clearly defined set of educationally-based objectives that are unique to an urban-based school district."

In addition to Pruitt, officers of the foundation are Christine G. Ritter, Program Administrator of the Science Education Program at Princeton University, as Secretary; and Peter S. Martin, CPA/Partner in Civale, Silvestri, Alfieri, Martin & Higgins, LLC, as Treasurer.

Local businesses who have offered their support by having a company representative serve on the TPEF Board of Trustees are Capital Health System, Children's Futures, Civale, Silvestri, Alfieri, Martin & Higgins, LLC, Coldwell Banker Hearthside Realtors, The College of New Jersey, Commerce Bank, Construction Project Management Services, Debra D'Arcangelo, Educational Testing Service (ETS), Greater Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, Joseph Jingoli & Sons, New Jersey Network (NJN), Princeton University Plasma Physics Laboratory, PSEG, *The Times of Trenton*, Trenton Board of Education, Trenton Public Schools, Trenton Thunder, Verizon and WIMG/Morris Broadcasting

"I am delighted that the community has come together to form a foundation to support the Trenton Public School District," said Dr. James Lytle, Superintendent of the Trenton Public Schools, ex-officio member. Trenton Board of Education President Bernard McMullan, Ph.D., will also serve on the Board of Trustees.

Douglas H. Palmer, Mayor of Trenton, and Senator Shirley K. Turner have agreed to serve as Honorary Trustees.

"As an independent organization, the foundation will be in a unique position to advocate on behalf of the students and provide the leadership necessary to support the district. We believe we can contribute to the transformation of the Trenton Public School District, building on the greatness of its proud past with a brighter future ahead," said Pruitt.

The Trenton Public Education Foundation was established as a charitable organization and can accept contributions as such. Those wishing to contribute should contact Ms. Pamela Pruitt at 609-695-1300.