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Plano ISD Education Foundation Celebrates Grand Opening of Teacher Store *CORE Store will provide additional classroom resources for educators*

PLANO, Texas, Sep. 7, 2016 – Joined by the Plano Chamber of Commerce, members of the Plano ISD Board of Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Binggeli and major sponsors and community partners Capital One and Kroger, the Plano ISD Education Foundation opened the CORE (Classroom Resource for Education) Store today. This new community-supported venture provides a place for Plano ISD teachers to shop for school supplies for their students throughout the year at no cost to them.

“It is so exciting to see this store become a reality,” said Jean Callison, immediate past president of the Plano ISD Education Foundation’s board and chair of the CORE Store committee. “The store will help teachers fill in the gaps where their students’ families cannot afford. It is another way as a community that we can support our teachers and students.”

A recent survey of Plano ISD teachers showed that almost 50 percent of them spend more than \$250 a year out of their own pockets and 15 percent are spending more than \$500 a year on supplies for their classrooms and students. “Teachers do this because they know having the needed school supplies helps students feel confident and leads to better performance in the classroom,” added Callison.

“This venture speaks to the outstanding collaboration Plano ISD enjoys with our community,” said Education Foundation Director for Development Kristin Alexander. Corporate partners Capital One and Kroger are leading the community in organizing supply donations to help fill the shelves of the store. An additional financial contribution by Capital One will help fund the store’s management and operations. The store is located in space donated by Medical Center of Plano.

About the Plano ISD Education Foundation

The Plano ISD Education Foundation – <http://www.pisd.edu/foundation> – is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization with the mission to generate private support for priority projects identified by Plano ISD not funded by tax dollars. The Foundation provides grants to educators, programs that support academic enrichment to Plano ISD students, emergency assistance for teachers and staff members in crisis, as well as programs aimed at recruiting and retaining quality teachers. Since 1993, the Foundation has generated private support for priority projects for which tax dollars are not available. Since 2000, almost \$9 million has been gifted to Plano ISD by the Foundation to enhance student learning; recruit, retain and recognize the very best teachers; or address critical needs of students and families so that all students can be successful. To learn more about the Plano ISD Education Foundation, call 469-752-8141. For additional information about the Foundation or to make a donation, visit the foundation website at www.pisdeducationfoundation.org or call (469) 752-8272.

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