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Fort Bend ISD Education Foundation ranks second in its division in national study of K-12 education foundations

“Stepping Up: The Top K-12 Education Foundations in the Nation” shows Fort Bend ISD Education Foundation ranks 37th overall and is among eight Texas education foundations in top 50

(Sept. 24, 2014) – The nation’s only study and ranking of K-12 education foundations, “Stepping Up: The Top K-12 Education Foundations in the Nation,” has ranked Fort Bend ISD Education Foundation at second in its division and 37th overall in the nation. Stepping Up looked at eight key performance categories to determine the ranking: annual revenues, revenues per student, total assets, assets per student, investment income, total program expenses, expenses per student, and human capital (volunteers).

The purpose of the Stepping Up Study is to advocate the importance of K-12 education foundations while recognizing those that do it best.

“Most parents have never heard of their local K-12 education foundation, yet nearly all children are impacted by the foundation’s work,” said Dewey Caruthers, president of dewey & associates and author of the study. “Education foundations enhance public education in many vital ways: through grants to teachers and schools programs, providing materials and equipment across curriculums that open children’s minds to more than a high stakes test and dropout prevention efforts that keep students from quitting, just to name a few.”

Since its inception in 1992, the Fort Bend Education Foundation has served as a powerful catalyst for extraordinary academic achievement, providing funds to support innovative academic projects and staff development opportunities. Awarding over \$30 million dollars to Fort Bend ISD teachers and schools, ***it touches every school in the FBISD.***

The Fort Bend Education Foundation’s mission is to enhance and enrich the quality of education for all students in Fort Bend ISD. “We are so grateful to all of our community partners, volunteers, teachers and schools for supporting the Foundation through the years. Their individual and collective efforts enabled the Foundation to achieve the ranking of Second in the nation in its division,” said Brenna Cosby, Executive Director.

The study reviews K-12 education foundations in the top 100 largest school districts in the nation (by population). The eight performance categories used in the study pulls information directly from the foundations’ 990 filings with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Per student calculations are added to better reveal the impact a foundation is having based on the number of students in the district.

In addition to the overall national rankings, four divisions were created to divide foundations based on annual revenues. Division 1 includes foundations with \$2 million or more in revenue; Division 2 includes foundations with revenue of \$1 million to \$1,999,999; Division 3 includes foundations with half a million dollars to \$999,999 in revenues; and division 4 includes foundations with less than half a million dollars in revenue.

“Based on the Stepping Up rankings, we can see that Texas education foundations are positively effecting public education, and that deserves national recognition.”

To review the full Stepping Up study, visit <http://deweyandassociates.com>.

For more information about the Fort Bend Education Foundation visit our website at www.fortbendisd.com/foundation

About dewey & associates

Founded in 2000, dewey & associates (d&a) is a national management and strategy consulting practice based in Tampa Bay, Florida. The firm does strategic planning for various types of organizations and efforts, but specializes in obesity prevention, K-12 education and juvenile justice reform. d&a conducts national and state studies in education and juvenile justice reform. It previously conducted Stepping Up in 2012 and will conduct the study annually moving forward.

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