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**Newly-Established Gregory-Portland Education Foundation to
Surprise G-P Teachers with First-Ever Grant Awards**

- SURPRISE Classroom visits scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2019 -

The Gregory-Portland Education Foundation (G-PEF) is proud to announce the inaugural awarding of teacher grants on Friday, November 15, 2019. Grants totaling \$13,753.65 will be awarded to nine teams composed of twenty (20) innovative teachers across the G-PISD campuses.

“We have exceptional teachers in our district. The Foundation board was impressed with the ideas submitted for award,” said Randy Eulenfeld, G-PEF Board President and G-PISD Trustee. “We are very excited to surprise so many teachers and honor them for the work they do. We are also glad to announce that these programs will impact a total of 1,705 students in the current school year alone ... and many more in the years to come.”

Eulenfeld said the foundation extends its appreciation to those in the community who have donated to the organization in the past year, making these grants possible. “We are encouraged by the community support of the Foundation and are proud to help make a difference in our schools.”

G-PEF Board Members will be joined by representatives from the Kiwanis Club of Portland, which contributed \$5,000 toward these grants and will participate in the surprise visits. Awards were also funded with support from individual and private donors as well as proceeds from the 2019 G-P Teacher of the Year Banquet, the G-PEF’s first fundraiser last May.

The organization began establishing its full board of directors, and actively fundraising as an organization, in February of 2019. To date, the foundation has also awarded \$7,500 in scholarships for G-PISD students.

MEDIA INVITATION: The G-PEF Board will meet at G-P Middle School (4600 Wildcat Drive in Portland, across from G-P High School) at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, 2019. The press is invited to this location and all other visits to follow, as teachers are surprised with grant checks for their creative programs (see schedule attached to this release). A list of grant recipients will be available upon arrival, and will be distributed following all award announcements the same day.

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ABOUT THE G-PEF: The Gregory-Portland Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established by community leaders and volunteers who fundraise for the benefit of teachers and students, with funding priorities that include awarding grants to teachers; scholarships to students; and recognizing teaching excellence. For more information, please visit: www.g-pisd.org/g-pef