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Maryville City Schools Foundation helps cover COVID-19 expenses with \$33,000 in emergency funding

Maryville, TN— September 1, 2020 --- In a joint statement to staff, families, and the community on Tuesday afternoon, Maryville City Schools Foundation (MCSF) and the Maryville school district announced a one-time emergency allocation from the foundation to help cover extraordinary expenses related to COVID-19. “We always appreciate the work and partnership of the foundation, but during this unprecedented time it is impossible to fully express how grateful we are,” said Director of Schools Mike Winstead. “On behalf of every student and teacher in the district, I wish to acknowledge the foundation board and staff, along with each donor, for helping us meet and exceed our educational needs – even during a pandemic.”

In a statement from Debbie Ernsberger, MCSF Board Chair, she added, “The foundation board recognizes the burden placed on schools to absorb COVID related budget constraints and we wanted to show our support to both students and teachers by providing this emergency funding. We know from working with the principals that these funds are both needed and appreciated during this challenging time.”

Barbara Jenkins, MCSF Executive Director, shared the details of the \$33,000 one-time emergency allocation to cover unforeseen COVID-19 related expenses. Funds will be available immediately and should be spent by the end of October. The amount available to each school was determined based on student enrollment and will be allocated to all seven schools, as well as the alternative school. The foundation board worked with school principals over the past few weeks to define mission-aligned areas of need in the following categories: (1) Intervention, (2) Technology Resources, (3) Digital Software, (4) Instructional Supplies, and (5) Outside/Playground equipment and games. Mrs. Jenkins also wanted to encourage Maryville teachers to

continue to consider applying for regular classroom grants that are non-COVID related, as this process continues, with grants awarded monthly. Please contact the foundation office with any questions that may arise.

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Maryville City Schools is a mid-sized district of 5,300 students in seven schools, located twenty miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee and twenty miles west of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Citizens in the city of Maryville have high expectation for educational excellence that stems from a long history of high performing students and well-prepared graduates. This record of success is rooted in great community support, outstanding educators, and great partnerships – like the Maryville City Schools Foundation.

The **Maryville City Schools Foundation (MCSF)** is an independent, community-based 501(c)(3) organization that accepts tax-deductible contributions in support of its mission. Chartered in 1991, MCSF seeks financial grants and donations of treasure, time and talent from the community, creating a vital link between the private sector and the Maryville City Schools system.

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