PRESS RELEASE

Regarding Election to Select Board Member of
Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma
for Election District No. One (Post No. 1)

The Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, a/k/a the Tulsa School District, hereby announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for member of the Board of Education to represent **Election District No. One (Post No. 1)** may file to run as a candidate for this position at the Tulsa County Election Board between the hours of 8:00 AM on **December 7, 2026**, through 5:00 PM on **December 9, 2026**. Statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for member of the Board of Education to represent **Election District No. One (Post No. 1)** who reside in CREEK County may file to run as a candidate for this position at the Tulsa County Election Board **OR** the Creek County Election Board, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. on **December 7, 2026**, through 5:00 p.m. on ***December 9, 2026***.

The Board of Education of the Tulsa School District has approved a Resolution calling for elections to be submitted to the voters of **Election District No. One (Post No. 1).**

DATE OF THE ELECTIONS:

A General Election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April, 2027, i.e. **April 6, 2027,** to select a Board Member of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, to represent **Election District No. One (Post No. 1)**. If more than two candidates file proper Declarations of Candidacy and qualify to have their names appear on the ballot as candidates for election to the Board of Education to represent **Election District No. One (Post No. 1)**, a Primary Election shall be held on the second Tuesday in February, 2027, i.e., **February 9, 2027**. If no candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast in the Primary Election, then the two candidates from such Election District with the highest number of votes shall appear on the ballot in the General Election. If, in the Primary Election, one candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast, that candidate is elected and a General Election is not required. The polling places shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER POSITION ON BALLOT:

The voters of **Election District No. One (Post No. 1)** shall elect a Board Member for **Election District No. One (Post No. 1),** which has a four (4) year term of office.

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE:

To be eligible to be a candidate, a person must have been: (i) a registered voter registered with the County Election Board at an address located within the geographical boundaries of the Election District for which the person files a Declaration of Candidacy for SIX (6) months preceding the first day of the filing period **(December 7, 2026)**; and (ii) must have resided in the Election District for which the person files a Declaration of Candidacy for at least SIX (6) months preceding the first day of the filing period **(December 7, 2026)**.

No person shall be eligible to be a candidate for or elected to be a member of the board of education of a school district unless the person has been awarded a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency.

A candidate may not be related to an employee of Independent School District No. One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, or to a Member of the Board of Education of said School District within the second degree by blood or marriage. The following are relatives within the second degree: a candidate's spouse, child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother, sister, spouse's child, spouse's grandchild, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent, grandchild's spouse, parent's spouse, and child's spouse.

A candidate cannot have been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to, a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony and it presently be within fifteen (15) years of the completion of the sentence or during the pendency of an appeal of such conviction or plea.

If the candidate is not an incumbent member of the Board of Education, the candidate must agree and pledge, in writing, when the candidate files the candidate's Notification and Declaration of Candidacy that the candidate will complete at least twelve (12) hours of instruction, within fifteen (15) months of election, on educational issues in the following areas: school finance, legal issues, which include but are not limited to employment, due process, new laws, the Oklahoma Open Records Act and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; and duties and responsibilities, which include, but are not limited to, special education and ethics, of district board of education members. Each elector shall agree and pledge in writing to complete at least one (1) hour of instruction in school finance, one (1) hour of instruction in the Oklahoma Open Records Act and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and one (1) hour of instruction in ethics. The remaining hours may be satisfied by attending a two-day workshop to be held within the state by the State Department of Education, by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, or by attending workshops, seminars or classes which address the above-mentioned subject matter, and which are sponsored by any organization approved by the State Board of Education, including, but not limited to, institutions of higher education. If the candidate is an incumbent member of the Board of Education, in his or her Notification and Declaration of Candidacy, the candidate must agree and pledge, in writing, that upon reelection the candidate will complete THREE (3) hours of instruction, within fifteen (15) months of election, including one (1) hour of instruction in school finance, one (1) hour of instruction in the Oklahoma Open Records Act and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, and one (1) hour of instruction in ethics. The remaining hours may be satisfied by attending workshops, seminars or classes addressing educational issues approved for credit by the Oklahoma State Board of Education. If a member has not satisfied the above instructional requirements within fifteen (15) months of his or her election or reelection, the Board of Education shall declare the seat of such member vacant and fill the vacancy according to law. If the candidate has served a full term of office as a member of said Board of Education and if, prior to the

date set for refiling for reelection to the member's respective board seat, the candidate has failed to attend a minimum of twelve (12) hours of continuing education courses, workshops, seminars, conferences and/or conventions within this state which satisfy the continuing education requirement and which are approved jointly by the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the State Board of Career and Technology Education, the candidate will be ineligible to run for reelection and/or be reappointed to the Board of Education for a period of two (2) years.

VOTERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

To be eligible to vote in the General Election or the Primary Election, if a Primary Election is necessary, for **Election District No. One (Post No. 1)**, a voter must be registered with the County Election Board at an address within the geographical boundaries of the Election District.

BALLOT TITLES:

The ballot to be submitted to the voters shall call for the voters to:

Select one candidate as a Board Member of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, to represent **Election District No. One (Post No. 1)**.

Susan Lamkin, Board President

Sarah Bozone, Board Clerk

[OK as to Form:]