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MEDIA ADVISORY

Deroald R. Hopkins joins Wayside Schools as Chief Operations Officer

Hopkins was former CFO/ COO at Huston-Tillotson University

AUSTIN, TEXAS – Wayside Schools, the only public school district offering the full continuum of International Baccalaureate programmes to all scholars in Central Texas, is pleased to announce the addition of Deroald R. Hopkins as its Chief Operations Officer.

Hopkins brings over 25 years of industry experience to Wayside Schools. Prior to joining, he served as Chief Financial Officer and COO at a private boarding school in Baltimore, Maryland, and as Chief Budget Officer at Huston-Tillotson University in Austin. In addition, he served as a Corporate Finance Manager at KPMG.

"As COO, Deroald is in charge of all non-academic activities that lead to scholar success at Wayside," Matthew Abbott, Wayside's CEO, said. "Deroald, comes to Wayside with a ton of school and industry expertise and we could not be more excited to have him start."

Please contact Halley Cade, Wayside Schools Communications Coordinator, by email at <u>hcade@waysideschools.org</u>, or by phone at 512-220-9182, with any questions or for additional information.

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About Wayside Schools

Wayside Schools is an open-enrollment, tuition-free PreK3-12 public charter school network that provides over 2,200 scholars across its four Southeast Austin campuses with an International Baccalaureate (IB) education. The district is made up of three elementary schools and one secondary school. Its mission is to prepare scholars to be college ready, community engaged, global citizens through a rigorous, community-enriched education guided by the IB framework and personalized instruction.