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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **Wayside Schools' Matthew Abbott Joins TCSA Board of Directors**

*As a member, Abbott will continue advocating for charter schools across the state*

**AUSTIN, Texas** – Wayside Schools, Austin's only public school district offering the full continuum of International Baccalaureate programmes, has announced the appointment its Superintendent and CEO Matthew Abbott as the newest member of the Texas Charter School Association (TCSA) Board of Directors. As a member of the board, Abbott will continue to advocate for the advancement of charter schools across the state.

"We welcome Matt Abbott to the TCSA Board of Directors. Matt's leadership brings a unique perspective to our Board as a former TCSA staff member, a charter school superintendent, and Chair of TCSA's Elected Advocacy Committee" said Chuck Cook, Interim CEO of TCSA. "We look forward to working with him in this new leadership capacity."

Abbott's appointment was voted upon at TCSA's October meeting. His appointment will be finalized and he will attend his first meeting in January 2018.

"Every child, regardless of zip code, should have access to a quality education," Abbott said. "I'm very excited to join TCSA's board as we work together to advocate for more educational options for children across our state."

TCSA is an organization that provides a voice for charter schools in the state of Texas. In addition to advocacy at the Texas Capitol and U.S. Congress, TCSA provides training, legal services and support for its member charters operating within the state. Currently, there are 675 charter schools serving nearly 273,000 students in Texas.

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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.*