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TPS Foundation Trilogy:

- **Former NFL Player Jason Carthen, Larry Sykes Pledge Scholarships**
- **New Series of Grants Available**
- **Toledo Public Schools Foundation Debuts New Web Site**

Scott High School Graduates Pledge Scholarships to TPS Foundation

Toledo, Ohio, December 17, 2007...As a professional football player for the New England Patriots, Scott High School graduate ('89) Jason Carthen was part of a world-class organization committed to winning. His specialty was defense – keeping the opposing team off the scoreboard, giving his team the chance to score big and forge ahead.

As a long-time Toledo Board of Education member who is finishing up his last year on the Board, Scott High School graduate ('67) Larry Sykes helped provide the best teaching and learning opportunities for a major urban school District. His specialty was giving kids a chance to dream, giving kids of all backgrounds, especially the underserved population, the chance to dream big and plan a future.

Their career statistics will now be put to use with keeping a different kind of score. Now, each of these fine men is moving the public-service ball down the field in the arena of public education. How? Each, through the Toledo Public Schools Foundation, is announcing scholarships to benefit outstanding and deserving African-American young men and women.

New Series of Grants Available

“The Toledo Public Schools Foundation, established in 1999 to enhance teaching and learning in the leading urban school district in Ohio expects to award up to \$100,000 in its eighth round of grants this spring,” announced Susan K. Zurawski, Executive Director of the Foundation.” “We’re also excited to announce two endowed named scholarships.”

Toledo Public Schools teachers, students, schools, and organizations are invited to apply for funds. Grants generally will be made in the amount of \$500 or \$1,000 unless otherwise specified. Awards will be announced in the spring. Funding of scholarships and selected projects will be released for use at the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

“I am pleased to announce that we are accepting our eighth round of grant applications for funding of scholarships and proposals that advance the educational mission of the Toledo Public Schools,” said Edna Robertson, President, Toledo Public Schools Foundation. “This has been made possible by the generous support of this community.”

Toledo Public Schools Foundation’s New Web Site

Grant guidelines and applications will be available in all principal offices in all elementary and secondary schools and with all guidance counselors in the District and on the Foundation’s new Web site, www.tpsfoundation.org updated by 4 p.m. on 12/17/07 or by contacting Susan K. Zurawski, Executive Director, at 419.535.6568 suez@accesstoledo.com.

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TPS Foundation Press Conference

Date: Monday, December 17, 2007

Time: 4 p.m.

**Place: Thurgood Marshall Building (Board Room), 420 E. Manhattan Blvd.
Toledo, Ohio 43608**

Both Mr. and Mrs. Carthen and Mr. Sykes will be on hand at the Press Conference to share the excitement of announcing their new scholarship opportunities.