

**Toledo Public Schools Foundation Announces
2007/2008 New Governing Board
Strategic Plan Underway**

October 1, 2007, Toledo...Edna Robertson, Woodward H.S. (1959), has been elected President of the Governing Board of the Toledo Public Schools Foundation. Edna is a retired educator of 40+ years, working as a teacher, principal, instructional planner, school improvement leader, and central office administrator for Toledo Public Schools.

"I look forward to working with this very committed board to strengthen the Foundation's ability to fulfill its mission that will be expanding," she said. "Over the past few months, we have aggressively pursued a strategic planning process to provide a roadmap for the Foundation's future, and it will assist us in accomplishing our mission and business objectives. We hope to have the plan completed soon, and will report back to the community."

The Toledo Public Schools Foundation was established in 1999 to raise funds for two main purposes: To provide scholarships to outstanding students and to support creative and innovative classroom projects.

These officers will join Mrs. Robertson on the Foundation Board:

*Frank Dick, former TPS Superintendent (1965-1978); and retired Chair of the Board, President and CEO, Gleaner Life Insurance Society, Adrian, MI, *Vice President*.

*Manju Gupta, community volunteer, *Treasurer*.

*Keith A. Wilkowski, Woodward H.S. (1973), of counsel at the firm of Vassar, Dills, Dawson & Bonfiglio, LLC, *Secretary*.

Manju Gupta is a Certified Public Accountant, and is active with the Hindu Temple of Toledo serving the Hindu community of Toledo.

Gina K. Thompson, Rogers H.S. (1984), is the Community Relations Lead Specialist for Owens Corning. She began her career with the company in July 2005. Prior to that, she worked 16 years for Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

"I am pleased to welcome Manju and Gina as new Board members. Both are advocates of public education and share their expertise with diverse groups and organizations, and will assist us in making progress with our goals," Mrs. Robertson said.

Also on the Foundation Board as ex-officio members are Merrill A. Grant, Ed.D., former TPS Superintendent (1996-2000) and founding Trustee of the TPS Foundation, and TPS Superintendent John Foley.

The officers, new members, and ex-officio members will join these current Board members:

- Deborah A. Barnett, Vice President, Huntington Bank.
- Joseph D. Jensen, President, Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc.
- Janice I. Kilbride, Chief Academic Officer, Toledo Public Schools.
- Hilton Murphy, former Head Football Coach at DeVilbiss H.S. (1951-1959). He had a long career in Toledo Public Schools (1949-1982).
- Marcia Silverman, community volunteer.
- Susan E. Szymanski, Chief Executive Officer, FrontPath Health Coalition.

Newly elected President Edna Robertson and TPS Foundation's Executive Director Susan Zurawski said they are excited about the Foundation's opportunity to expand support to enhance more teaching and learning opportunities for the district. "We've been inspired by our scholarship and grant recipients, and want to have an even greater impact not only for the district, but for this community and beyond. We look forward to sharing details of our vision for the future soon." Mrs. Robertson said.

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