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ESCAMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES KEY LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Pensacola, Florida – The Escambia County Public Schools Foundation recently held its Annual meeting to elect new officers, recognize outstanding community partners, Foundation Board Member of the Year, Chairman’s Award recipient and retiring board members. Outgoing Foundation Chair David Deliman, from Cox Communications, presided over the election of the following new officers: Chair Thomas Greek, Vice President, Learning, Development & Communication, Navy Federal Credit Union; Chair-Elect Kristie Kelley, Workforce Development Coordinator, Gulf Power Company; and At Large Member Sandy Edwards, Retired Educator.

"The mission of the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation would not be possible without strong community partners," said Deliman. "Businesses, benefactors, and foundations all contribute to the success of our organization – and in turn – to the success of our schools." Outstanding Partners of the Year recognized were Whataburger represented by Lee Cartledge and Sara White and The Sansing Family Foundation represented by Sandy Sansing and Stephanie White.

Beth Partington was recognized as the Foundation Board Member of the Year for her outstanding work as Committee Chair of the MIRA Arts Awards and Academic Awards Showcase. Laverne Baker, the Visioneering Group was the recipient of the Chairman’s Award for her dedicated leadership and service to the Foundation. The following retiring Foundation Board Members were recognized for their years of service: Laverne Baker, 14 years; Barry Cole, 4 years; Frances Gray, 4 years; Edmund Holt, 4 years; Gail Husbands, 6 years; David Lister, 18 years; Bob Maloy, 19 years; Bob Moulton, 8 years; Mit Roth, 22 years; Vete Senkus, 6 years; Pam Thompson, 7 years; Russell Van Sickle, 4 years; and Trisha Woodburn, 5 years.

"Thanks to the strong leadership of David Deliman, the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation was able to contribute more than \$194,000 into Escambia County classrooms this past year," said in-coming Chair Thomas Greek. "Of that, \$91,000 went directly to classroom

grants – unique projects designed by teachers to make a meaningful impact in the areas of STEM and Literacy."

For more information about the Foundation, contact Lawrence K. Van Hoose, Executive Director, Escambia County Public Schools Foundation, 850-430-7457, lvanhoose@escambia.k12.fl.us.

Escambia County Public Schools Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit direct support organization of the Escambia County School District dedicated to investing in our children's future through scholarships, classroom Grants for Excellence, and recognition of outstanding Escambia County teachers and student achievement.