Walled Lake, MI – Leigh Emmett, Wixom elementary music teacher and Walled Lake School District parent, held the grand prize winning 2019 Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle ticket drawn by the Foundation for Excellence – Walled Lake Schools at the Walled Lake Consolidated School District PTA Reflections Celebration held in March. A total of 766 tickets were sold and raised $26,700. The raffle’s secondary raffle prize, Amazon Echo Show donated by the Foundation, was won by former Walled Lake schools’ educator Paulette Loe.

“I am blessed to have won the 2019 Tuition Expedition Raffle and even more blessed to be a teacher and parent in the WLCSD! This prize will be incredibly beneficial; my two daughters will head to college in the near future. Everyone who is part of the Foundation For Excellence is a true advocate for Walled Lake students and teachers, thank you for all that you do!” stated Leigh Emmett.

Emmett is provided the option of choosing either 50% of the raffle’s ticket sales in the form of scholarship funds for postsecondary education or to elect a 40% lump sum payment.

“Leigh is the winner of our 14th annual raffle. Our supportive community has enabled the Foundation to generate $528,100 in total ticket sales during its tenure,” stated Michelle Bianco, Foundation executive director. “This raffle is integral to helping us sustain our annual mini-grant program and we so value our raffle’s sponsor, Walled Lake School Employees Federal Credit Union, and numerous ticket purchasers spanning our community and District.”

Funds raised by the Tuition Expedition raffle are channeled into the areas of literacy and leadership; community and diversity; science, technology, and the arts; and District programs for Walled Lake District’s K-12 students through the Foundation’s annual grant program. The Foundation has disbursed over $870,000 in grants since 1991. Grant awards are made annually by the Foundation to WLSCD faculty for qualifying requests which align with District curriculum and goals. This school year nearly $22,000 in grants were issued to benefit Walled Lake schools, which enabled the expansion of classroom literacy libraries, purchase of STEM kits and scientific calculators, support for the District’s K-12 Art exhibit and for middle school students to attend the Religious Diversity Journey’s program and much more.

The Foundation is sustained by the generous donations received from Walled Lake District staff members, its supportive communities and businesses, and through honorariums, memorials and fundraising efforts. The Foundation will be hosting its 10th Annual Golf Scramble on June 24 at
Edgewood Country Club, Commerce Township. Visit the Foundation’s website for outing details and to register online: www.wlcsd.org/foudnation.

The Foundation’s board of trustees is comprised of (14) volunteer members dedicated to making a difference for the Walled Lake School District’s K-12 students and supporting its educators. The board is open to the addition of community members wishing to lend their talents to help further its mission and building a strong foundation…one child at a time. Contact the Foundation for Excellence to learn more and to register for its upcoming golf scramble; phone 248.956.2116 or email michellebianco@wlcsd.org.

About the Foundation for Excellence – Walled Lake Schools:
The Foundation for Excellence – Walled Lake Schools is dedicated to advancing ways for children to learn. We are a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation. Gifts are tax deductible as charitable contributions to the full extent of the law. The Foundation subsidizes a variety of activities and programs in our schools which are not funded by tax dollars and the district budget. For more information, visit www.wlcsd.org/foundation or contact Michelle Bianco at 248.956.2116. Building a strong FOUNDATION…one child at a time.

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