NEWS RELEASE
Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle Ticket Sales Total $28,750
WL Schools Foundation for Excellence

Walled Lake, MI, – Mariam Davis of Commerce Twp. held the grand prize winning 2017 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 805 tickets were sold and raised $28,750. The raffle’s secondary raffle prize, tutorial services package donated by Sylvan Learning of West Bloomfield, valued at $1,670, was won by Sandra Uhrick of Commerce Township.

Dr. Marsha Beattie of Hersh-Beattie Orthodontics and FFE trustee sold the winning ticket and shared, “When I sent out the post to buy tickets, Maraim was the very first to respond! She is very kind hearted and supports the community.”

“It is so important to me to support our schools and the education of our children so they will have choices and are able to travel whatever path in life desired,” stated Mariam Davis.

Davis 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.

“Mairam is our raffle’s 12th annual winner, which has generated $474,950 in total ticket sales during its tenure,” stated Michelle Bianco, Foundation executive director. “The generosity of our community; raffle sponsor, Walled Lake School Employees Federal Credit Union; and contribution from Sylvan Learning of West Bloomfield, has enabled funds to be raised to benefit our tremendous Walled Lake schools’ faculty and K-12 students.”

Funds raised by the Tuition Expedition raffle are channeled into the areas of technology, literacy, leadership and community for Walled Lake District’s K-12 students through the Foundation’s annual grant program. The Foundation has disbursed over $800,000 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 $42,000 in grants were issued to benefit Walled Lake schools, which provided support for the purchase of iPad minis, chemistry equipment, elementary trade book library, professional development, student involvement with international art project and Religious Diversity Journey’s program and additional educational resources and materials.

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 8th Annual Golf Scramble on June 26 at Edgewood Country Club, Commerce Township. Visit the Foundation’s website for outing details and to register online: www.wlcisd.org/foudnation.
The Foundation’s board of trustees is comprised of (18) members dedicated to extending its reach into as many classrooms as possible to enrich the educational experience of Walled Lake students. 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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