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## United Way to Endorse Issue Nine - TPS Tax Levy Renewal

[TOLEDO, Ohio] – United Way of Greater Toledo (UWGT) is pleased to offer its formal endorsement of ballot issue nine, which is to renew the proposed tax levy for the Toledo City School District.

On November 2, at 10:30 a.m., UWGT representatives, Toledo Public School (TPS) officials and various community constituents will gather at Grove Patterson Academy for a morning news conference, urging local Toledoans to support this levy renewal.

“TPS has been, and is, a very strong United Way partner. Their institution is a vital conduit to achieving our community’s educational goals. Ensuring that the district maintains their existing tax, means they can continue their important work in helping all Toledo children succeed both during and after school hours,” said Emily Avery, vice president of strategic partnerships and investments at UWGT.

Each year, UWGT invests more than \$450,000 in programming related to TPS, such as the “Schools as Community Hubs” strategy and chronic absenteeism grants.

“The success of our school system requires the support of every citizen within our city’s limits. This is not a new tax; simply a renewal,” said Avery.

She continued, “I have fortunately been a witness to TPS’ growth and accomplishments. I hope we can continue these victories in our county’s largest school district, by voting yes on issue nine.”

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