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**THE TRENTON PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
RECEIVES \$30,000 IN GRANTS FROM  
THE GERALDINE R. DODGE FOUNDATION and AN ANONYMOUS DONOR**

Trenton, NJ (January 9, 2017) -- The Trenton Public Education Foundation (TPEF) is honored to have received two grants totaling \$30,000 to support the work it is doing to enhance STEM and arts education programs in the Trenton Public School District. They are from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and an anonymous donor.

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation awarded the TPEF a grant of \$15,000 for support of the leadership of the Kennedy Center *Any Given Child* arts education strategic planning effort. While the Kennedy Center offered guidance last year to develop the Arts Education plan for the district, there was a great deal of legwork that needed to be done to recruit and develop the Community Arts leadership team, conduct school and community surveys, plan multiple meetings, and support goal-based committees. Dodge recognizes that the TPEF will be central to implementing the plan, working as the go-between for the community and the school district and holding all stakeholders accountable. Chris Daggett, President and CEO of the Dodge Foundation said, "We look forward to the ongoing work over the next several years of *Any Given Child* in Trenton to implement the new plan. We support the arts flourishing in the Trenton public schools as we know the positive difference it makes in the lives of young people."

An anonymous donor gave \$15,000 to the TPEF to be used to support the administrative needs of the TPEF, noting that it was a privilege to be able to support the important STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and arts programs that the TPEF is coordinating and bringing to the public schools in Trenton. The TPEF commitment to supporting the youth in Trenton is crucial, and with the *Any Given Child* commitment, keeping the behind the scenes work of the administration going has become even more important.

Ellen Mushinski, Executive Director of the TPEF, is delighted with this support and said, "This funding will make it possible to continue the work that the TPEF is doing to benefit the Trenton public school students. We are most grateful for the generous support and the belief of our funders in the potential of the Trenton school students".

The Trenton Public Education Foundation is dedicated to providing education opportunities for the Trenton Public School Children in the areas of STEM and arts education programs. The TPEF is the home organization to the Kennedy Center *Any Given Child* program which aims to provide quality and equitable arts education programs in dance, music, theater, visual arts, and media arts, to all students, Pre-K to Grade 8. Trenton will include Grades 9-12. For more information, visit [www.tpef.org](http://www.tpef.org).