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The Boeing Company Awarded Milestone Award

The Boeing Company's contributions to public education in Brevard County surpass \$1 million

Feb. 5, 2018, VIERA, Fla. – Brevard Schools Foundation is pleased to announce The Boeing Company as the recipient of the prestigious 2018 Milestone Award. This award of distinction is presented to organizations who have donated in excess of one million dollars to support Brevard Public Schools through the Brevard Schools Foundation. To date, only two companies have been awarded this honor.

As a longtime partner with the Brevard Schools Foundation, Boeing has provided funding in a variety of areas, from professional development programs for teaching staff and STEAM-focused programs to classroom grants that are creating “FUSE” labs and school supply drives to ensure children have the tools they need to excel in the classroom. These contributions have had a significant, positive impact in Brevard Public Schools.

“The Boeing Company and their employees have been a tremendous support for public education here in Brevard County,” said Janice Kershaw, President of the Brevard Schools Foundation. “They have been instrumental in not only improving learning opportunities, but in helping children in our community develop an interest in STEM education and potential career paths. We are so thankful for and encouraged by Boeing’s leadership in local corporate giving.”

“It is an honor to receive this recognition for Boeing’s and its employees’ ongoing support to schools and students in Brevard County,” said Ingrid Piedrahita, Boeing community investor. “For many years, the Brevard Schools Foundation has been an outstanding partner in working to provide unique, hands-on learning opportunities for students to develop critical 21st century skills and increase STEM knowledge. Together, we are truly sparking the curiosity and passion that will inspire today’s students to be the innovators of tomorrow.”

Boeing’s employees also play an active role in contributing to the partnership with Brevard Schools Foundation. Each employee gift is matched by the company, and once those gifts are received at the Foundation, they are able to be leveraged through the legislative 1:1 matching grant through the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations increasing the impact of each dollar donated.

Brevard Schools Foundation acts as the bridge between organizations such as Boeing who have a corporate philanthropic vision they wish to accomplish, but need the non-profit vehicle to best leverage their dollars for the greatest impact. As the direct support organization for Brevard Public Schools, Brevard Schools Foundation helps fill educational funding and opportunity gaps at all 82 public schools for 73,000 students and 5,000 employees by supporting innovation, engaging communities and changing lives.

About The Boeing Company:

Through purposeful investments, employee engagement and thoughtful advocacy efforts, Boeing and its employees support innovative partnerships and programs that align with the company's strategic objectives, create value and help

build better communities worldwide. This includes improving access to globally competitive learning as well as workforce and skills development, and supporting our military and veteran communities.

Chicago-based Boeing is the world's largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners and defense, space and security systems. A top U.S. exporter, the company supports airlines and U.S. and allied government customers in 150 countries.

About The Brevard Schools Foundation:

Brevard Schools Foundation fills educational funding and opportunity gaps at all of our 82 public schools for 73,000 students and 5,000 teachers by supporting innovation, engaging communities, and changing lives. Funds come from private contributions, corporate support, public matching funds, fundraising and endowments. The Brevard Schools Foundation is nationally ranked for their role in supporting public education in Brevard County.

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