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### **Parents for Public Schools Celebrates 30 Years of Community Impact**

**(JACKSON, MS, Feb. 23, 2022)** Parents for Public Schools® (PPS), a national non-profit organization that works to increase parent engagement in public schools, will commemorate its 30th anniversary on Saturday, March 5th at 7:00 pm with a gala that will highlight its founding member, Dick Molpus, as well as showcase the accomplishments and ongoing work of the organization. The theme for this year's anniversary celebration is "The Journey Continues with the Next Generation of Parent Voices."

The 30th anniversary festivities will begin with a pre-gala sponsorship event which will serve as an engaging experience for gala sponsors and will feature a moderated discussion with education leaders, funders, and parents. The moderated discussion will address "The Future of Public Education in the Pandemic Era." Following the pre-gala discussion, attendees will participate in a virtual gala celebration. The celebration will include:

- Special congratulatory video message from U.S. Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona
- Keynote address by world-renowned speaker and author, Dr. Pedro Noguera, Emery Stoops and Joyce King Stoops Dean of the USC Rossier School of Education
- Recognition of PPS luminaries, with special recognition of PPS founder, Dick Molpus
- Historical account of PPS's first 30 years
- Coast-to-coast toast in honor of PPS

To register to attend the event, please visit the Parents for Public Schools anniversary website for additional information: <https://parents4publicschools.org/>

#### **About Parents for Public Schools**

The mission of Parents for Public Schools is to advance the role of families and communities in securing a high-quality public education for every child. Its network of community-based chapters works to address public education issues at the local, state, and federal levels. Located throughout the country, PPS chapters are responsible for grassroots advocacy that ensures parents' voices are included when education decisions are made. Currently, PPS has 12 chapters in nine states. Four chapters are located in Mississippi where PPS was founded and other chapters stretch from Hawaii to New York state.

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