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**DALLAS FRIENDS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ANNOUNCES ENDORSEMENTS
Group Also to Start Spring Membership Drive**

DALLAS— This morning, Dallas Friends of Public Education (DFPE) proudly announced their endorsements for the upcoming Dallas ISD school board elections to be held May 8, 2010. Formed last September, the group of parents, teachers and other concerned taxpayers selected the following candidates for endorsement:

District 4 – Camile White – Public Relations Executive and DISD parent of three.
District 5 – Dr. Lew Blackburn – incumbent school board member and Vice President of Business Services for Texas Can!
District 7 – Eric Cowan – accounting manager for Rosewood Hotels and father of two.

The candidates were chosen after a comprehensive interview process. All candidates who filed for DISD Board were invited to interview with the group. Only one candidate declined.

“We are proud to support these candidates,” said group spokesperson retired State Representative Harryette Ehrhardt. “While we were very impressed with the caliber of all of the candidates, and honored that each came to speak with us, we feel these three candidates best reflect our values and share the concerns and interests of parents and taxpayers.” DFPE’s core principles can be found on their website – www.dfpe.org. They include fiscal responsibility, transparency, respect for the voters, basic ethical standards for board members, support for all schools and a fair system to determine teacher and student achievement.

DFPE will support its endorsed candidates with financial and volunteer resources. A fundraiser is being planned to raise money for White, Blackburn, and Cowan. Details for the event will be available soon.

Along with the endorsements, DFPE also announced their Spring Membership Drive. “Our goal is to recruit at least 100 new members,” Ehrhardt said. “Anyone who shares our concerns and has a passion for our children’s education is invited to please join us.”

Membership in the group is open to anyone. There are no qualifications and no cost for basic membership. Sustaining and other paying memberships are also available. Prospective members may join DFPE simply by going to their website – www.dfpe.org.

DFPE is a non-partisan organization whose supporters, from conservative Republican Senator John Carona, to liberal retired Democratic State Representative Harryette Ehrhardt, believe that good schools are everyone’s responsibility. DFPE intends to serve as a source of information to inform and engage voters throughout the DISD.

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