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District Reissues Invitation to Eastwood High, While Continuing to Prioritize Safety, Thanks to Generosity of Neighboring District

PLANO, TEXAS, August 16, 2019 – On August 15, Plano ISD announced the difficult decision not to host the second annual out-of-district matchup between Plano Senior High School and Eastwood High School, originally scheduled for September 6. After consulting with local law enforcement agencies, Plano ISD administrators felt obligated to prioritize the safety of the participating players, students, families and communities.

Frisco ISD Superintendent Dr. Mike Waldrip, with the support of the Dallas Cowboys, reached out to Plano ISD today to offer the use of the Ford Center at the Star. “The Ford Center provides the security needed in this unique circumstance,” said Plano ISD Superintendent Sara Bonser. “This game will be hosted in an ideal facility equipped with built-in safety measures that are not available at our local stadiums.”

Plano ISD is grateful to Frisco ISD and the Dallas Cowboys for their generosity and community spirit. The district reissued an invitation to Ysleta ISD to play on the evening of Thursday, September 5 at the Star in Frisco, and they accepted.

“Today, three school districts came together to find a solution for students that keeps them safe and allows them the opportunity to send a positive message about sportsmanship,” Superintendent Bonser said.

Plano Senior High School Principal Sarah Watkins stated, “I just want to express my appreciation to everyone who stepped forward to assist in making it possible to play this game. It is an absolute pleasure to once again host Eastwood High School and show them the warm hospitality of the Plano Wildcats.”

About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) (www.pisd.edu) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs more than 6,900 staff members who serve more than 53,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.

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