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INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL RECEIVES MEDIA CENTER MAKEOVER AS PART OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FOUNDATION LEGACY EFFORTS

INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 14, 2021) —As part of their commitment to supporting Indianapolis educators and students, the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation and the 2022 CFP Indianapolis Host Committee today revealed a media center makeover at an Indianapolis charter school.

Victory College Prep, a public K-12 charter school on Indianapolis' southeast side, received new equipment for its media center with funding from the CFP Foundation and the Indianapolis Host Committee. Together with the CFP Foundation's education partner School Specialty, teachers were provided with resources they need to prepare their students for success, including iPads and other tablets, virtual reality headsets, books, a projector, a 75-inch TV monitor and a Bluetooth speaker system. New furniture including makerspace tables, height adjustable tables and chairs, soft seating, and mobile bookcases were also provided as part of the makeover.

In support of the CFP Foundation and its mission to uplift teachers grades K-12, the 2022 Indianapolis Host Committee has committed \$1.5 million of investment in legacy programming leading up to the 2022 national championship game, to be held at Lucas Oil Stadium on Monday, January 10.

In addition to school makeovers, the CFP Foundation and Indianapolis Host Committee are making an impact on the Indianapolis community by supporting resources for parents, teachers and students to navigate eLearning; building efforts to attract and retain diverse teachers; and partnering with the Indiana Department of Education to celebrate teachers as heroes following a difficult pandemic year.

"Having access to cutting-edge technology and other equipment makes a remarkable difference in motivating and inspiring our students and teachers, who, like all of us, have faced challenges in light of COVID-19," said Ryan Gall, executive director of Victory College Prep. "As we settle into the 2021 school year, being able to learn and engage in an updated media center provides a huge morale boost. We're grateful to the CFP Foundation and Indianapolis Host Committee for their support."

Victory College Prep teachers and students celebrated the media center makeover during an event at the school today as part of Extra Yard for Teachers Week, a week-long celebration of educators nationwide. Teachers will also be honored through events such as the Extra Yard 5K, Extra Yard for Teachers Summit and other activations and events during the national championship game weekend in January.

“We’re thrilled to be able to give back to the Indianapolis community by transforming school spaces with enhanced technology to meet the demands of 21st century teaching and learning,” said Britton Banowsky, executive director of the CFP Foundation. “We look forward to continuing to celebrate educators this week and beyond as we prepare for the big game in January.”

Victory College Prep is among four Indianapolis-area schools selected for media center makeovers based upon need and student demographics. Additional makeovers are planned at Garden City Elementary and James and Rosemary Phalen Leadership Academy later this year, while the first makeover at Southport Middle School was unveiled in April.

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About the 2022 College Football Playoff Indianapolis Host Committee

The 2022 College Football Playoff Indianapolis Host Committee works with the CFP to promote, organize and execute the January 10, 2022, CFP National Championship and its related events in the Indianapolis community. The Indianapolis Host Committee remains committed to a seamless partnership with the CFP and stakeholders to continue making a difference in communities across the state of Indiana after the game and into the future. For more information, visit IndyFootball2022.com.

About the College Football Playoff Foundation

The CFP Foundation is the community-engagement arm of the College Football Playoff, supporting education across the country. The CFP Foundation’s primary cause platform, Extra Yard for Teachers, is dedicated to elevating the teaching profession by inspiring and empowering teachers in four focus areas: resources, recognition, recruitment, and professional development. The CFP Foundation utilizes multiple partnerships to execute its initiatives and support positive educational outcomes. To learn more, visit cfp-foundation.org and follow Extra Yard for Teachers (@CFPEXtraYard) on social media.

About School Specialty, Inc.

With a 60-year legacy, School Specialty is a leading provider of comprehensive learning environments for the preK-12 education marketplace in the U.S. and Canada. School Specialty believes every student can flourish in an environment where they are engaged and inspired to learn and grow. In support of our vision to *transform more than classrooms* by improving learning outcomes and district performance, the company applies its unmatched team of subject-matter experts and designs, manufactures and distributes a broad assortment of name brand and proprietary products to deliver upon its unique value proposition – including essential classroom supplies, furniture and design services, educational technology, curriculum, supplemental learning resources, professional development, funding assistance and more.

About Indiana Learning Lab

The Indiana Learning Lab is a personalized microlearning platform filled with readily accessible resources and lesson ideas grounded in solid instructional pedagogy. The Learning Lab is funded by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and provides teaching and learning support for educators and families. For more information, visit INLearningLab.com.