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DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION NAMES NICOLE CAPAGE-BROWN SCHOOL PARTNERS PROGRAM MANAGER

DENVER, Feb. 17, 2012 – The [Denver Public Schools \(DPS\) Foundation](http://www.dpsfoundation.org) has named Nicole Capage-Brown as Manager of the School Partners Program, which cultivates meaningful partnerships between DPS schools and the Denver community. In this role, Capage-Brown will manage a portfolio of 75 existing partnerships and oversee ambitious efforts to strengthen and grow the program.

The School Partners Program was launched in 2006 to give businesses and organizations an opportunity to contribute to a thriving public school system in Denver. School partners direct resources, time and expertise to help strengthen their partner school, and in turn enjoy a positive connection to students and the community, a better understanding of the challenges facing the school system, and a sense of personal involvement in the schools.

Research shows that productive partnerships improve school culture, increase student achievement, provide invaluable opportunities for mentoring and student engagement, and energize communities. With DPS facing mounting budget cuts, the support of the community is instrumental to ensuring the success of all students. Learn more about the School Partners Program at www.dpsfoundation.org/partner.

Capage-Brown joins the DPS Foundation with more than nine years of experience creating and managing dynamic school partnerships. Previously, Capage-Brown was the Community Relations Manager at Crescent Real Estate, a for-profit commercial real estate entity that owns and operates office properties. While at Crescent, she directed FACES of Change, Crescent's primary philanthropic outreach program. During her tenure at Crescent Capage-Brown oversaw a portfolio of more than 80 school partnerships in urban districts nationwide and helped direct more than \$1.2 million of cash and in-kind support to public schools.

“Nicole offers nearly a decade of expertise in nurturing strong, dynamic school partnerships and ensuring the greatest benefit to all parties involved” said Kristin Colon, president and CEO of the Denver Public Schools Foundation. “The School Partners Program has become a deeply valued conduit through which the community can contribute to the success of DPS’ 81,000 students. We know that it will grow stronger and bring even greater value to DPS schools under Nicole’s leadership.”

Prior to her work at Crescent, Nicole was a Development Officer at the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. Nicole holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Colorado, Denver and lives in Erie, CO with her husband and young daughter.



About the Denver Public Schools Foundation

The Denver Public Schools (DPS) Foundation was established in 1992 in recognition of the fact that public funds alone cannot adequately support the ambitious efforts to advance student achievement in Denver Public Schools. The DPS Foundation is a nonprofit organization supported by private foundations, corporations, parents, alumni, DPS employees and other members of the community. In 2010-11, the DPS Foundation directed nearly \$10 million to Denver Public Schools for priority programs and critical programs. Learn more at www.dpsfoundation.org.

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