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FRAMEWORKS OF TAMPA BAY'S SEL-ect SCHOOL MODEL AWARDED \$40,000 GRANT FROM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF TAMPA BAY

Tampa, Fla. - (July 20, 2022) – Frameworks of Tampa Bay has been awarded \$40,000 from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay to continue social and emotional competency skills programming for its “SEL-ect School model” at two elementary schools: West Tampa and Potter. Schools were initially identified in collaboration with Hillsborough County Public Schools and funded by the generosity of the Lightning Foundation in FY22. Through the generous award by Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, the schools will continue quality program implementation and fidelity resulting in greater impact.

The program will serve an estimated 900 students, as well as their teachers, school administrators, and families. An average of 95% of the students attending these schools are economically disadvantaged, receiving free and reduced lunch. Funding will be used to implement continuation of the SEL-ect model offering a full spectrum of services including professional development, explicit emotional intelligence curriculum, research-based resources, coaching, family resources, data analysis and sustainability steps.

“We are so grateful to Community Foundation of Tampa Bay for this grant award. We will be able to continue supporting two tremendous elementary schools that have prioritized the need for building foundational emotional intelligence in their students. We know from research that the rate of return for every \$1 invested in this work will result in a return to society of \$11 dollars. The benefits are indeed substantial for these students; an 11% increase in academic achievement, 10% decrease in emotional distress, 8% decrease in problem behaviors and a 9% increase in attitudes about self, others, and school. And isn't this what we all want for our kids?” responded Elizabeth Reedy Foley, CEO of Frameworks.

About Frameworks: Frameworks of Tampa Bay is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower educators, youth services professionals, and parents and guardians with training, coaching, and research-based resources to equip youth with emotional intelligence skills.

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