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**ANN ARBOR PULBIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

ANN ARBOR – The Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation (AAPSEF) is proud to announce that Omari Rush, Education Manager at University Musical Society (UMS), has been appointed Chair of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation for a two-year term as of July 1, 2012. Rush, a native of Tallahassee, Florida, graduated from Florida State University in 2003, and received a Master’s Degree in Music from the University of Michigan in 2005. Rush, an AAPSEF board member since 2006, has served on the executive committee, the grant review committee and events committee. Outside of his work at UMS and volunteering with AAPSEF, Rush serves as a governor-appointed Council member for the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, as a member of the Kennedy Center Partners in Education National Advisory Committee, and as a Board of Directors trustee for the Neutral Zone (Ann Arbor’s Teen Center). In his time as Chair of AAPSEF, he hopes to grow the Educational Foundation’s capacity and the community’s willingness to support the public schools.

Other executive committee appointments include Andy Paterson to a two-year term as vice chair. Paterson is Business Development Manager at Industrial Tectonics and President/CEO at Michigan Energy Generation. Rob Marschall, Senior Business Banking RM/VP at KeyBank, will continue to serve as Treasurer. Christy Perros, co-owner of Absolute Title, will serve as Secretary. Helen Starman, Consulting Analyst with Richner & Richner will serve on the Executive Committee as Immediate Past-Chair.

Alison Narayan, Jason Robinson and Dan Schairbaum join the AAPSEF board for three-year terms.

Ms. Narayan is a Chemist-Life Sciences Foundation Research Fellow at the University of Michigan Life Sciences Institute. Narayan received a BS in Chemistry from the University of Michigan in 2006, and a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of California, Berkley, in 2011. Narayan believes public education is central to a strong community. She and her husband Rishi live in Ann Arbor and are active in the community.

Mr. Robinson is a Mortgage Loan Officer at Ann Arbor State Bank. Robinson and his wife Rachel have two children who will one day attend the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Robinson is looking forward to working with AAPSEF to bring great programs to students and support to teachers in the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Mr. Schairbaum is an attorney with Dykema Gossett, PLLC in Ann Arbor. Schairbaum is an alumnus of Pittsfield Elementary, Scarlett Middle, and Huron High Schools. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor and is a board member of Common Bond Basketball. He believes strongly that high quality public education benefits the community as a whole and is eager to support the mission of the Educational Foundation. Schairbaum and his wife Sarah have three children who attend the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Joining the board for a one-year appointment as a representative from the Ann Arbor Administrators Association is Bill Harris. Mr. Harris, principal at Eberwhite Elementary School, has been involved with AAPSEF in a variety of capacities for several years.

The Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation (AAPSEF) is an independent, community-based, non-profit organization committed to helping all Ann Arbor Public Schools students achieve their highest potential by providing community support for innovative and excellent educational opportunities.

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