



JOINT EVENT ADVISORY

City of Temple to host statue unveiling ceremony at TISD campus

Event to be held on Wednesday, September 6

TEMPLE, TX (August 31, 2023) – The City of Temple is partnering with Billie Warner, a 1963 Dunbar graduate, the Dunbar Alumni Association, and the Temple Independent School District to unveil a brand-new panther statue. The statue symbolizes the strong partnership between the City and TISD and serves as an enduring source of pride for past, current, and future students.

WHAT: Panther statue Unveiling Ceremony

WHEN: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Meridith-Dunbar Early Childhood Academy located at 1717 E Avenue J, Temple, TX 76501

The statue will serve as a replacement for the original panther statue that symbolized the spirit of the school, but deteriorated over the years.

"The City of Temple takes great pride in our partnership with TISD," said Temple City Manager Brynn Myers. "This collaboration showcases our shared commitment to fostering a thriving educational environment, instilling a sense of pride within our community, represent the school's legacy, and inspire generations to come."

The collaboration between the City of Temple and TISD has been rooted in a shared commitment to the growth and success of all young learners. This panther statue, a representation of strength, determination, and unity, will stand as a reminder of the collective dedication to providing the best educational opportunities for the Temple community.

"The history behind Meridith-Dunbar includes some of the most talented students and educators Temple ISD has ever known," said TISD Superintendent Dr. Bobby Ott. "We are grateful to the City of Temple, Mayor Davis and City Manager Brynn Myers for their leadership in honoring such a significant part of Temple's fabric. I want to also recognize Billie Brice Warner, for leading the charge to preserve the wonderful history behind Meridith-Dunbar. As a graduate herself, she is the perfect representation of the talent that has passed through these halls and has been the tip of the spear behind this cause. Temple ISD is just grateful to be a small part of this overall effort."