The Powerful Futures Initiative (PFI) and Dickinson Independent School District (ISD) Collaboration 2023 Year-end Report

1. The PFI conducted its Fall 2023 Basketball Camp and League on Saturdays from Oct. 7- Nov. 4. Camp ran from 8:00AM to 3:00PM, included snacks and lunch, and was tuition-free for all DISD students. We had one behavior incident (resolved) and two minor injuries (sore knee; jammed finger);

2. PFL and Basketball Camp was held at the new Dickinson Junior High Building;

3. 122 students registered for the camp; 90 checked in for at least one session;

4. Of the 90 who checked in, 19 attend Dickinson High School as freshmen, 44 attend Dickinson Junior High, 2 attend Kranz Junior High, and 14 attend McAdams Junior High, for a total of 79. The others either attend out of district or did not indicate their attendance zone;

5. The PFI Mentorship program has kicked off for 48 students who signed up after basketball camp;

6. **Six Dickinson Area Churches** are hosting mentoring 10 groups of up to 5 students and are providing adult mentors for the groups (minimum of 2 per group). We are recruiting teen or early college student mentors for the groups as well:

Participating Churches (the Houses of Hope) are--1) Faith United Methodist Church; 2) New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3) New Beginnings Ministries; 4) Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 5) Bethel Church and Excellence Academy and 6) Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

All adult and teen mentors must pass a background check prior to working with students

PFI will provide a budget of $1000/8-week mentoring session to each mentoring group. We anticipate having two 8-week mentoring sessions beginning in late January;

7. Five families have expressed interest in obtaining academic tutoring for their children through PFI in spring semester 2024; and

8. Of the students active with PFI this fall, only 5 students are receiving less than a B Grade in any of their Core Academic Classes and fewer than 5 had any issues with truancy or disciplinary issues.