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STPPS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL SAFETY AND PREVENTION

Crimestoppers has recognized St. Tammany Parish Public Schools for its diligence in student safety with their Excellence in School Safety and Prevention Award. STPPS and Superintendent Trey Folsie were honored Thursday at Crimestoppers' 33rd annual Awards Luncheon in New Orleans.

This award was presented in recognition for STPPS' 10 years of partnership with the Crimestoppers School Hotline and Prevention programs. An estimated 150,000 STPPS students have received the Crimestoppers training and several hundred tips have been generated. These tips have helped administrators and law enforcement solve countless cases and have helped maintain safe school environments. Every case generated through Crimestoppers has been successfully resolved.

At the luncheon, Superintendent Trey Folsie thanked Crimestoppers for the award and said, "We maintain close relationships with law enforcement and organizations like Crimestoppers, and we meet with them regularly to coordinate our school safety efforts. The success and results we have seen working with Crimestoppers over the past 10 years shows the importance of these partnerships."

Students, parents and community members are encouraged if they see something or hear something unusual to say something. Students are asked to notify an adult or submit the tip anonymously through Crimestoppers by calling 1-877-903-7867. All tips and reports about potential threats are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly with the help of law enforcement.

Crimestoppers operates a Safe School Hotline that allows students to anonymously provide tips or information on safety concerns or crimes. The information provided is routed to the appropriate school administrator or law enforcement with the caller's identity never being revealed. This empowers students with a safe process to report information to help keep their schools safe.

"The safety of our students is always the top priority in our School System. We are dedicated to doing everything we can to make our schools as safe as possible for our students and staff," said Superintendent Folsie. "We are grateful for our close partnerships with local law enforcement and appreciate the active role all of the agencies have in our schools. This award and the success we have had with Crimestoppers would not be possible without their continued support and incredible dedication to keeping our schools and community safe."

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