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Greenland Dignitaries to Tour Street School

TULSA, OK – Street School will welcome top-ranking education officials from the country of Greenland on Friday, September 15, 2017 for a tour and meeting to discuss how Street School impacts youth from dropping out of high school. The dignitaries have been invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program and are hosted by the Tulsa Global Alliance.

Doris Jakobsen-Jensen, the Minister for Education and Dr. Lone Moeller, the Undersecretary for Education in Greenland will meet with the President and CEO of Street School, Dr. Lori McGinnis-Madland and others from Street School’s administration.

Greenland’s current school system allows for students to receive a diploma after only ten years of schooling. The country suffers from high drop-out rates, high youth unemployment, and an alarmingly high number of suicides among youth, mostly young men.

Jakobesen-Jensen and Moeller see the American education system as a solution to the high drop-out rates in their country. Because Street School is recognized nationally as a leader in increasing graduation rates for at-risk youth, Street School officials will present information on their therapeutic counseling approach in addition to the internship, mentor and Secondary Pathway projects Street School provides.

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About Street School

Street School is an alternative high school with a therapeutic counseling program that has been in Tulsa since 1973. The school creates a supportive community for students in grades 9 through 12 who have chosen to work toward graduating from high school in a non-traditional setting. Street School is a dropout prevention, intervention and recovery program accredited by Tulsa Public Schools. Students *choose* to attend the school because they are committed to graduating, to learning and practicing life skills, to resolving substance abuse problems, to dealing with behavioral issues and to filling the void of support traditionally provided by family.

The Street School staff fosters hope in every student. The counseling component is a critical part of the program. Counselors understand that if a student's personal and emotional needs are not addressed then their ability to focus on school is diminished. The majority of students that attend Street School face many personal challenges such as a history of domestic violence, abuse, trauma and lack of support. Street School provides an avenue for them to be successful.