

## NEWS RELEASE

### **TWIN RIVER WORLDWIDE HOLDINGS. INC., DONATES \$25,000 TO FUND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION TO INVEST IN TEACHER PIPELINE**

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**PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, FEBRUARY 26, 2020:** Twin River Worldwide Holdings, Inc., (TRWH) announced today a \$25,000 donation to the Fund for Rhode Island Public Education to be invested in teacher pipeline initiatives. Aligned to the Rhode Island Department of Education’s priority of building a “World Class Talent” pipeline for all schools, this donation can be used for educator recruitment, retention, development, and support.

Under the leadership of Commissioner of Education Angélica Infante-Green, RIDE has developed a [vision for education statewide that is built on three priority pillars](#): World Class Talent, Excellence in Learning, and Engaged Communities. Initiatives under the World Class Talent pillar may include efforts to attract, recruit, and retain talented educators; improve professional learning opportunities; grow and diversify the teacher pipeline; create more flexible pathways into the teaching profession; and provide leadership development opportunities for educators.

“When we considered ways we could make meaningful contributions to our home state and city, we were impressed with the Rhode Island Foundation and its Fund for Rhode Island Public Education, which encourages businesses to contribute to the long-term vision and success for education in our state,” said **Marc Crisafulli**, Executive Vice President of TRWH and President of its Rhode Island operations. “This specific initiative, World Class Talent, is designed to do just that – help Rhode Island build, attract and retain a skilled workforce that will serve us all well into the future. We hope our contribution can jumpstart the program and serve as a catalyst for other local businesses to do the same.”

“Rhode Islanders have a tendency to compare our state to Massachusetts, especially when it comes to education. When you look at the success that Massachusetts schools have had, a significant factor has been the buy-in and support from the business community,” said **Angélica Infante-Green**, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. “This donation from Twin River shows that there is a growing commitment here to do the same, with business leaders like Marc and his team stepping up on behalf of Rhode Island students, families, educators, and schools.”

The Fund for Rhode Island Public Education at the Rhode Island Foundation will provide recommendations on how this donation will be dispersed in the future, based on donor intent and needs identified by RIDE.

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