



## NEWS RELEASE

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### *For Immediate Release*

#### **JALEN RAMSEY, LOS ANGELES RAMS CORNERBACK AND NASHVILLE NATIVE, DONATES \$1 MILLION TO PURPOSE PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

*The Nashville native invested \$1 million for the record-breaking charter school to purchase computers, software and e-learning essential technology for students most in need*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (August 28, 2020) – Jalen Ramsey, cornerback for the Los Angeles Rams, and Purpose Preparatory Academy in Nashville, Tennessee recently announced his \$1 million donation to support the school's record-breaking academic achievements. The donation from Ramsey, a Nashville native, will assist Purpose Prep in purchasing technology and additional resources and expanding programming for the school's students. Purpose Prep, which opened in 2013, serves kindergarten through fourth grade students with an emphasis on academic success, identify affirmation, and positive character development.

"As a Nashville Native who has become a household name in the NFL, Jalen's generous support has demonstrated to our students not only the heights they can rise to and their undisputed potential but also the importance of opening doors, reaching back and pulling forward to help others succeed," said Lagra Newman, Founder and Head of School at Purpose Prep. "Jalen's strong advocacy for under-resourced communities in his hometown shows our students that they are seen, supported and worth investing in. Especially in a pandemic, the technology and resources essential for learning are critical to our work in preparing our next generation of leaders for success. We are grateful for Jalen's support and are incredibly proud to have a positive role model like Jalen for our students to look up to."

Purpose Prep was recognized as a Tennessee Reward School for academic achievement, ranking within the top 5% of schools in the state of Tennessee— making it the first elementary school in North Nashville to ever have earned this distinction. Purpose Prep's mission and approach to learning is rooted in positive character development, rigorous academic curriculum and high-quality instruction so that every student is equipped with the academic skills, knowledge, and ethical foundation to be set on the path to college.

"I chose to support Purpose Prep because it is important for every child to have the opportunity to receive a great education, and the Purpose Prep programs are designed for underprivileged children in my hometown to have access to those services," said Jalen Ramsey. "I believe in its mission and want to help level the playing field since a solid elementary education is the foundation to a successful future."



***About Jalen Ramsey:** Jalen Ramsey is an All Pro and Pro Bowl cornerback of the Los Angeles Rams. He was the number five overall pick in the 2016 NFL Draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars after a record-breaking college football career at Florida State University. He was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee and is a proud father and philanthropist.*

***About Purpose Prep:** Purpose Preparatory Academy is a two-time Tennessee Reward School, and notably the first elementary school in North Nashville to have ever been recognized as a Tennessee Reward School for academic achievement. With an intensive focus on the acquisition of essential literacy skills, Purpose Prep provides targeted, rigorous, and joyful instruction in each core subject to meet the academic needs of every scholar. Purpose Prep's mission ensures every scholar achieves the academic skills, knowledge, and ethical foundation that will set them on the path to college.*

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