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Delta Dental of North Carolina Donates *Saved by Addition* Children's Book to Wake County Public Schools

RALEIGH, N.C., Oct. 25, 2018 – Delta Dental of North Carolina (DDNC) is sponsoring a children's book that was recently distributed by the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS). One copy of *Saved by Addition* was given to each second-grade classroom in the public school system.

Learning and oral health are tied closely together, and the book uses numbers to teach valuable lessons about math concepts and healthy oral health habits. *Saved by Addition* provides the opportunity to explore the concept of odd and even number relationships.

The book was created by Rachel Rogers, a second-grade teacher at Old Richmond Elementary School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who has more than 35 years of experience teaching first, second, and third graders and Joe Lineberry, a retired business consultant and accountant, who enjoys teaching others to appreciate the usefulness of numbers and the financial aspects of their decisions.

"We have already received positive feedback from teachers about the usefulness of *Saved by Addition*," said Rogers. "This is exciting, to know that our second-grade children are enjoying math and learning healthy habits."

"This donation by Delta Dental is greatly appreciated by our school district and, more importantly, the students," said Nicole Priestly, the school district's senior director of elementary education. "Strong literacy skills are the foundation for future success and this partnership recognizes that fact."

"I want to thank Cathy Moore, Nicole Priestly, and their team of educators in Wake County Public Schools," said Curt Ladig, CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina. "They recognized how creatively the characters in *Saved by Addition* model cooperation and healthy dental habits, while using math to solve their problems. Children with poor oral health are nearly three times more likely to miss school due to dental pain. In fact, fifty-one million school hours are lost each year due to untreated dental disease. As we seek to fulfill our mission to improve the oral health of the communities we serve, Delta Dental of North Carolina is working to help children show up healthy and ready to learn."

About Delta Dental of North Carolina

Delta Dental of North Carolina is a nonprofit dental service corporation created in 1970 to provide dental benefits throughout the state. Its mission is to improve the oral health of the communities it serves. It does so by providing affordable access to oral health care with the largest network of dentists,

including two out of every three dentists, in North Carolina. For more information, visit www.deltadentalnc.com.

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