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Chicago Math and Science Academy (CMSA) Awarded \$200K Grant from Invest For Kids

(Chicago, IL) – August 26, 2019. Chicago Math and Science Academy, *Where Excellence Thrives*, kicks off its 15th anniversary of serving students in Chicago with a major gift from Invest For Kids. This generous grant provides much needed funding to enhance an already rigorous curriculum committed to changing the trajectory of students' lives. CMSA is rated Level 1+ by Chicago Public Schools four years in a row. Our school has also been selected recently by U.S. News & World Report at the #1 public charter schools in the state two years in a row.

"I am so very proud to have my teachers and staff receives such well- deserved recognition for their hard work. As we begin our 15th year anniversary as a local neighborhood school in Rogers Park this major gift is a phenomenal way to kick-off the school year. This grant allows us to expand our STEM courses; further enrich our social emotional skill-building; and enhance our personalized learning approach. We want to continue closing the opportunity gap by providing equitable access to unlock the potential of every learner. As a local neighborhood school, we are proud to serve the highly diverse families which make up our wonderful Rogers Park community," states Principal Kuran. "I am very grateful to Invest For Kids for having the courage to support us. This is a wonderful partnership."



Since 2009, Invest For Kids has raised nearly \$14 million to benefit 60 charitable organizations reaching over 80,000 children. The Co-Founders of Invest For Kids generously underwrite an annual conference that features presentations from an elite group of successful investment managers so that 100% of the funds raised goes directly to support the selected beneficiaries. These managers present their views and ideas in concise 15 minute presentations in an effort to help historically underserved kids in the Chicago area.

The Invest For Kids conference is *the* Chicago investment event of the year.

Since 2004, it has been the mission of CMSA, located in the Rogers Park community, to prepare students for college and the world beyond by offering high-quality, college-prep, STEM-focused education that changes the trajectory of students' lives. Chicago Math & Science Academy is managed by Concept Schools. Concept Schools is a charter school management organization that manages or operates 31 public charter schools throughout the United States. Our college-prep curriculum is STEM-based, and like any other public school, each school in the Concept network is highly regulated and overseen by their respective school districts and charter authorizers. Schools within the Concept Network are continuously recognized for their excellence in education.

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