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CITYBRIDGE EDUCATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS TO 16 D.C. SCHOOLS

Today, [CityBridge Education](#) announced nearly \$650K in grants to 16 DCPS and public charter schools in Washington, D.C., as a part of its Breakthrough Schools: D.C. school design competition. Since launching [Breakthrough Schools: D.C.](#) in 2013, CityBridge has invested in 29 new and existing schools committed to radically transforming education in the District, including [Washington Leadership Academy](#)—a new D.C. high school that was also named a winner of the highly competitive [XQ Prize](#) in September 2016.

The 13 school design teams, representing 16 schools, each embody a unique and compelling vision for personalization, educational equity, and expansive measures of student success. As a CityBridge partner, each school team is eligible for up to \$500K in cash and in-kind supports.

More than 30 school teams responded to CityBridge’s challenge for schools and school leaders to reimagine education in Washington, D.C. This round of grants marks the launch of CityBridge’s next chapter of investments in D.C. schools: a commitment to incubating 25 new or radically redesigned schools across the next five years.

Said Mieka Wick, Executive Director of CityBridge Education: “At CityBridge, we believe that our calling—for at least the next decade—is to focus on creating the pipeline of new schools and new school models that will deliver vastly improved results for our students. Today marks a meaningful step toward reaching our goal of incubating 25 excellent new or redesigned schools in the next five years.”

CityBridge Education—formerly CityBridge Foundation—also offers a suite of programs for teachers, school leaders, and education entrepreneurs in order to support a robust pipeline of talent for school creation.

The Breakthrough Schools: D.C. Round 3 winners include:

Capital Village Schools
New start | Charter | Grades 6–12

D.C. Montessori Middle/High School
New start | Charter | Grades 6–12

DCPS Opportunity Academies (including [Ballou STAY](#), [Luke C. Moore](#), [Roosevelt STAY](#), and [Washington Metropolitan High School](#))

Redesign | DCPS | Ages 16–24

Digital Pioneers Academy

New start | Charter | Grades 5–12

KIKH High School

New start | Charter | Grades 9–12

[Latin American Youth Center](#)

Redesign | Charter | Ages 11–adult

[Howard University Public Charter Middle School of Mathematics and Science \(MS²\)](#)

Redesign | Charter | Grades 6–8

[The Next Step Public Charter School](#)

Redesign | Charter | Ages 16–24

North Star College Preparatory Academy for Boys

New start | Charter | Grades 9–12

[Orr Elementary School](#)

Redesign | DCPS | PreK 4–8

Smithsonian School

New start | Charter | Grades 5–12

[Truesdell Education Campus](#)

Redesign | DCPS | PreK–8

[Youth Services Center](#)

Redesign | Department of Youth Rehabilitation | Ages 16–21

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