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The ECS National Center for Learning and Citizenship Adds Nine Middle Schools to the Schools of Success Network

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DENVER – The Education Commission of the States’ (ECS) National Center for Learning and Citizenship (NCLC) is pleased to announce that nine middle schools have been selected to receive its service-learning Schools of Success Award. The Schools were selected based on their support of high-quality service-learning, which has been shown to lead to greater student achievement and civic engagement.

The following schools were selected: Christian County Middle School, Hopkinsville, KY; Detroit Edison Public School Academy, Detroit, MI; Hopkinsville Middle School, Hopkinsville, KY; New Foundations Charter School, Philadelphia, PA; New Horizons Middle School, Brooklyn, NY; North Drive Middle School, Hopkinsville, KY; School for Global Leaders, New York, NY; Sutter Middle School, Fowler, CA; and Tupelo Middle School, Tupelo, MS.

Key staff from the nine schools will attend an orientation and training meeting in Denver, CO this spring.

NCLC recently received a three-year grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service, Learn and Serve America: School-Based Programs to expand its “Schools of Success” Network to include middle schools (grades 6-9) that promote the use of high-quality service-learning to address Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) objectives. The nine selected schools will receive awards of $15,000 over three years and annual technical assistance focusing on the implementation of high-quality STEM-specific service-learning projects. These middle schools join 10 other schools in NCLC’s Schools of Success Network and will contribute to a national service-learning advocacy campaign designed to share insights, experiences, strategies, policies and practices to integrate and sustain quality service-learning opportunities for all students.

“These schools, individually, are reversing the trend of youth disengagement. Now they have a formal mechanism to work together to advance this important mission of public education,” said NCLC Executive Director JoAnn Henderson.

Network members will deepen support for citizenship education and service-learning in their schools. At the same time, NCLC hopes to guide schools to move from practice to policy and to collect evidence showing success.

NCLC was formed in 1997 at ECS to assist state and district policymakers and education leaders to promote, support and reward citizenship education and service-learning as essential components of America’s education system. It is led by a board of distinguished local, state and national education policymakers and leaders.

To see a listing of Schools of Success Network members, visit the NCLC web site at www.ecs.org/nclc or contact JoAnn Henderson at 303-299-3636 or jhenderson@ecs.org.
For more information about Learn and Serve America: School-Based programs, visit their Web site at www.learnandserveserve.gov.

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