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Howard University Public Charter Middle School
of Mathematics and Science

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**Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science (MS²) Receives
\$500,000 Breakthrough Schools Grant**

WASHINGTON, DC (December 7, 2017) – Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science – also known as MS² – is one of 16 Breakthrough Schools grant recipients recently announced by the CityBridge Education (formerly CityBridge Foundation.) These awards mark the third round of Breakthrough Schools: DC, and will enable MS² to fundamentally rethink school.

The only public charter middle school located on a Historically Black College or University campus, MS² is uniquely positioned to provide students of color with both a highly rigorous education and the encouragement to become the problem-solvers of the 21st century. The \$500,000 in cash and in-kind supports gives MS² the opportunity to realize its unique and compelling vision for personalization of instruction, educational equity and expansive measures of student success.

More than 30 schools and school leaders responded to CityBridge’s challenge to reimagine education in Washington, DC. Thirteen Round 3 school design teams, representing 16 schools were selected. These investments are the next chapter of investments in DC schools, and reflect a commitment to incubate 25 new and radically redesigned schools in the next 5 years.

“Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science is honored and thrilled to be selected as a CityBridge Education’s Breakthrough Schools: D.C. grant recipient. Our proposed re-tooling will provide extraordinary educational opportunities for our students,” said Kathryn Procope, Head of School at MS². She continued, “The partnership between CityBridge, Howard University and the school will enable us to provide personalized learning that develops self-directed learners; gives teachers the flexibility to customize instruction to meet students’ needs and interests; and creates a pathway for academic and personal success.”

About Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science (MS)²

Our mission is to provide a sound foundation in all academic subjects with a concentration in mathematics and science. The school offers advanced courses in mathematics and science; a rigorous curriculum in English and Social Studies; 2-1 laptop support; access to web-based mobile applications; and faculty with degrees in the subjects they teach, meeting Highly Qualified standards. We are a pipeline to Howard University and the STEM professions. For more information, call 202-427-7383, or visit www.hu-ms2.org

About Howard University

Founded in 1867, Howard University is a private, research university that is comprised of 13 schools and colleges. Students pursue studies in more than 120 areas leading to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. The University has produced four Rhodes Scholars, 22 Pickering Fellows, and more on-campus African American Ph.D recipients than any other university in the United States. For more information call 202-238-2330, or visit www.howard.edu.



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About CityBridge Education

Formerly CityBridge Foundation, CityBridge Education is a public charity dedicated to incubating and supporting new schools and new school models that transform education for students. It also offers a suite of programs for teachers, school leaders, and education entrepreneurs to support a robust pipeline of talent for school creation. For more information contact Allison Wachtel, awachtel@citybridgefoundation.org, call 202-266-7622, or visit www.citybridgefoundation.org.