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ACHIEVEMENT PREP EARNS MIDDLE STATES RE-ACCREDITATION

Washington, DC — Achievement Prep announced today that it has earned re-accreditation by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools, a worldwide leader in accreditation and continuous school improvement.

“Middle States accreditation serves as an independent validation of the good work we do, and the re-accreditation process again focused our attention on strategic planning and continuous improvement practices,” said Founder and CEO, Shantelle Wright. “We are proud to have earned re-accreditation and look forward to continuing to work with our administrators, teachers, and parents to provide high quality education for all students.”

Accreditation is a multifaceted evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The 12 Middle States Standards for Accreditation are: mission; governance and leadership; school improvement planning; finances; facilities; school organization and staff; health and safety; educational program; assessment and evidence of student learning; student services; student life and activities, and information resources.

The accreditation process begins with a self-study that is conducted by the school or school system and requires input from school leaders, teachers, parents and students. Following the self-study, a team of volunteer educators from Middle States member schools conducts an on-site peer review visit to observe school operations and interview various stakeholders.

The visiting team makes its recommendation to the Middle States Association Commissions, which votes on the accreditation.

“The Middle States accreditation process brings together school leaders, teachers, parents and students to develop a strategic plan for the future that is built upon continuous school improvement,” said Lisa Marie McCauley, Ed.D., president of the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools. “Middle States accredited schools benefit from the power of peer review and should be commended for their commitment to collaboration, growth and advancing student achievement.”

About Achievement Prep, PCS

Since 2008, Achievement Prep has been preparing students to excel as high-achieving scholars and leaders in high school, college, and beyond. We believe in developing and fostering strong character in our scholars. Our scholars focus on the development and practice of Achievement Prep’s DREAM values (determination, respect, enthusiasm, accountability, and mastery). Parents are our partners, and our

partnership is the foundation for the ecosystem of support that will enhance our scholars' academic experience. At Achievement Prep we are transforming tomorrow today. For more information visit www.achievementprep.org.

About Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS)

Based in Philadelphia, the Middle States Association is the worldwide leader in accreditation and school improvement. For over 125 years, Middle States has been helping school leaders establish and reach their goals, develop strategic plans, promote staff development and advance student achievement. With more than 2,500 accredited schools and school systems in 34 states and over 100 countries, MSA-CESS is proud of its continuing legacy and its ongoing innovations to meet the challenges of improving education in the 21st century. For more information visit www.msa-cess.org.

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