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Downtown Denver Expeditionary School Receives Daniels Fund Grant

[Denver, CO] – Downtown Denver Expeditionary School announced today that it has received a \$50,000 Daniels Fund grant to support teacher leadership at the school.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**
Scott Mengel

"The grant will enable us to target improvement of mathematics instruction and create space for teacher-based coaching," said Scott Mengel, Executive Director. "We want to retain our most effective teachers. Traditionally, in order to earn higher salaries and diversify leadership experiences, teachers move into an administrative preparation track and end up as building principals or similar non-classroom positions. Our intent is to provide a solid pathway for teacher-leaders who wish to remain focused on classroom instruction or are not ready to pursue principal training."

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The Downtown Denver Expeditionary School (DDES) is a Denver Public School charter that opened in 2013. Founded by parents, community members and business leaders seeking a high-performing EL Education school, DDES serves a diverse range of families who live and work in the city center. EL's approach to teaching and learning makes subjects come alive for students by connecting learning to real-world issues and needs. The EL model provides academically rigorous learning expeditions, case studies, projects, fieldwork, and service learning projects to children of all backgrounds and ability levels. DDES currently serves 369 families and growing and has just been chartered to add a middle school. DDES received the Downtown Denver Annual Award in 2014 by the Downtown Denver Partnership.

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For more information about DDES, call 720.424.2350 or visit www.ddeschool.org.