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The Downtown Denver Expeditionary School Receives Grant to Support Director of Curriculum and Instruction Position

Denver, Colorado – The Downtown Denver Expeditionary School announced today that it has received a \$60,000 Daniels Fund grant to support its Director of Curriculum and Instruction position.

The Downtown Denver Expeditionary School (DDES) is the first downtown Denver public elementary school located at 1860 Lincoln St. DDES is part of the Expeditionary Learning (EL) network. Expeditionary Learning's approach to curriculum 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. It inspires students to think and work as professionals do, contributing high-quality work that would be appreciated beyond the classroom. Because of DDES extensive commitment to high-quality work, professional development for teachers is paramount.

"The grant will enable our program to build immediate coaching cycles for our teachers, identifying processes and protocols for instructional improvement, and creating a vision and plan for a robust Director of Curriculum and Instruction. We are thrilled to have the support of the Daniels Fund," said Scott Mengel, Executive Director.

Bill Daniels, a pioneer in cable television known for his kindness and generosity to those in need, established the Daniels Fund to provide grants and scholarships in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. For more information, please visit www.danielsfund.org.

DDES is currently enrolling grades K-3 for 2014-2015. Visit <http://www.ddeschool.org> for enrollment information and to learn more about the program.