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DPS to Tackle Middle School Math Achievement Gap Thanks to Janus Capital's \$1.6 Million Grant
Janus Capital Group Invests in Personalized Learning Instruction Model Aimed at Improving Middle School Math with Daily Learning Plans for Individual Students

October 26, 2015 Denver – Janus Capital Group [NYSE:JNS] has made a three-year, \$1.6 million grant to Denver Public Schools (DPS) via the Denver Public Schools Foundation to support a personalized learning program for middle school math students at Denver Center for International Studies at Montbello, a school that serves a high percentage of students who come from low-income homes in Far Northeast (FNE) Denver, and a second school to be named in 2016. The program, called Teach to One: Math, leverages technology, data and analytics, and a variety of instructional materials and teaching methods to provide each student with a personalized learning experience every day. Instruction is delivered at the right academic level, using the most suitable instructional method. The program's automated data analytics create recommended daily learning plans for each student, allowing teachers to adapt daily classroom lesson plans for individual student needs and skill levels.

"Middle school math continues to be vitally important to prepare our students for high school and beyond," said DPS Superintendent Tom Boasberg. We believe Teach to One: Math will provide our teachers with the edge they need to hone in on the areas each individual student needs to focus on. Additionally, Teach to One: Math aligns with and supports DPS' vision of a classroom – one that is joyful, rigorous and personalized – and provides DPS with a valuable opportunity to learn and improve other personalized learning models at schools across the city. We are grateful to Janus for their ongoing partnership to support our efforts to be one of the most innovative school systems in the country, changing outcomes for our students."

"Our partnership with Denver Public Schools is centered on ways in which the district can pilot and implement innovative programs to improve student achievement. We are confident our investment in the Teach to One: Math program with DPS will set a new standard for personalized learning in DPS," said Dick Weil, CEO of Janus. "In our business the only way to be successful is through an educated

workforce. We believe in this important work, and we are excited to partner with DPS on this innovative personalized learning program.”

The Teach to One: Math model will be piloted at DCIS at Montbello this school year. DCIS at Montbello is part of a network of schools in FNE Denver that have undergone efforts to raise student achievement. In the past several years, students who attend schools in FNE Denver have shown academic improvement on both standardized state exams and the ACT. Despite this improvement, middle school math achievement has remained flat.

Teach to One: Math, offered by New York-based non-profit organization New Classrooms Innovation Partners, is being piloted in 28 schools in eight cities across the country with positive results for students.

Since 2008, Janus, a Denver-based global investment firm, has been DPS’ most generous corporate donor to date; investing more than \$6.7 million to pilot and expand three separate innovative programs to date. With the support of Janus, DPS has been able to implement highly successful academic programs such as the Denver Teacher Residency, a highly selective teacher training and certification program that has contributed to greater teacher diversity, increased teacher retention rates and improved student outcomes; and the Blended Learning Initiative, a program aimed at integrating technology-driven curriculum into classrooms, increasing teacher and student access to technology and resulting in greater student engagement and achievement.

“We are tremendously grateful to Janus for the ongoing support and investment in our schools and students,” said DPS Foundation CEO and President Kristin Heath Colon. “It is partnerships such as the one we have with Janus that help us to reach our shared vision of Every Child Succeeds.”

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