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KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools Moves into the New Russell Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

ATLANTA – The new Russell Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (RCIE) today announced KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools as its first tenant. KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools, which occupies the top floor of RCIE, moved into the building in late July just in time for the first day of school on August 1, 2016.

KIPP Metro Atlanta is part of the national network of 200 KIPP schools in twenty states and D.C. KIPP, which stands for Knowledge is Power Program, prepares scholars in educationally underserved neighborhoods for success in college and in life. The tuition-free public charter schools admit by random lottery, and currently, after only thirteen years in the Metro Atlanta Area, more than 3,250 students are in the KIPP school system with a waiting list of over 3,000. KIPP schools perform near the top of their districts, and 93% of KIPP Atlanta Collegiate High School's graduating class earned acceptance into college in 2015.

Currently still in the development stages for a Summer 2017 opening, RCIE will house a 40,000-square foot world-class small business center located in Atlanta's historic Castleberry Hill. RCIE will be a collaborative, co-working ecosystem for aspiring and experienced entrepreneurs that connects a customized curriculum and corporate experience. RCIE also plans to help foster and grow relationships between venture capitalists and Atlanta's top entrepreneurial talent. The mission of RCIE is to empower entrepreneurs and innovators to create, invent, and learn while being engaged and motivated to develop game-changing new ideas to promote economic empowerment. RCIE will honor Herman J. Russell's legacy by revitalizing the area and creating a 40,000-square foot location of innovation, imagination and opportunity for Atlanta's entrepreneurs.

RCIE will be a high-energy, inclusive community that will provide resources and thought leadership for emerging industries that will drive real diversity, inspiration and collaboration among Atlanta's thought leaders, corporations and entrepreneurs. This exciting new venue will help with the growth of these forward-thinking next generation of entrepreneurs.

About KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools:

KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools is a non-profit network of high-performing, college-preparatory, public charter schools. The eight KIPP schools in Metro Atlanta are free, open-enrollment schools, and actively recruit and serve K-12 students in educationally underserved communities. Highly skilled teachers and leaders, more time in school, a rigorous college-preparatory education, and a strong culture with high expectations and support ensure that our students make significant academic gains and continue to excel in college and beyond. KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools is part of the growing network of nearly 200 KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) schools in 20 states and the District of Columbia serving 80,000 students on their journey to and through college. To learn more, please visit www.kippmetroatlanta.org.

About RCIE:

The Russell Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (RCIE) is designed to connect the next generation of revolutionary entrepreneurs to the tools and relationships it needs to turn dreams into reality. A 40,000-square foot world-class business incubator located in Atlanta's historic Castleberry Hill, RCIE is a collaborative, co-working ecosystem that connects a customized curriculum, corporate experience and venture capital assets with Atlanta's top talent. RCIE fosters innovators to create, invent, and learn while being engaged and motivated to develop game-changing new ideas. To learn more, please visit www.rcie.co.

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