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**PATHWAYS HIGH SCORES 47 OUT OF 50 POINTS RESULTING IN \$750,625 CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION
GRANT AWARD FROM WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

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Milwaukee, WI, June 21, 2022— Pathways High, a personalized, project-based learning charter high school in Milwaukee dedicated to unleashing all learners’ potential, announced today it received the highest category rating of “strong”, a score of 47 out of 50 total points, on the Wisconsin Charter School grant application. As a result, Pathways High will receive \$750,625 in grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to support the school’s expansion over the next four years.

The funding is provided through a grant program awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to support charter school activities in Wisconsin. The program provides awards for three purposes: planning and implementation subgrants for charter schools opening in fall 2023, implementation subgrants for charter schools that recently opened or will open in 2022, and subgrants to aid the expansion of existing high-quality charter schools.

“We are very proud that Pathways High earned such high marks through the work of our small, but highly accomplished team,” said Pathways High Director Kim Taylor. “We are incredibly happy and grateful to receive this grant that will support the expansion of Pathways High, enabling us to serve more students from the city and surrounding suburbs.”

The first year (2022 - 2023) award to Pathways High will be a planning grant in the amount of \$150K. The largest portion of the grant will be funded during the first expansion year (2023 - 2024) when Pathways High will add 30 students. The remaining funds will be awarded in the third and fourth year of the expansion. The grant funding will be used to purchase:

- Project-based learning and other professional development for new teaching staff
- Furniture and technology for the additional students and staff
- Industrial automation equipment to support technology career pathways
- Two vans to transport students to industry IMPACT experiences and dual enrollment classes

The federal grant program prioritizes quality schools serving educationally disadvantaged students with a focus on grades 6 - 12. The criteria for high-quality charter schools includes:

- Showing evidence of strong academic results, including student academic achievement and growth;
- Operating in a fiscally-appropriate manner, meeting statutory/regulatory requirements; and
- Demonstrating success in significantly increasing student academic achievement, including graduation rates for all students.

About Pathways High

DIVERSE. REAL WORLD. NOW.

Pathways High, a personalized project-based learning high school established in Milwaukee, WI in 2017, is dedicated to unleashing all learners' potential now. The real world defines rigor for our students. Interdisciplinary seminars, frequent interactions with business and community members, and real-world projects make Pathways High students ready for what's next: employment, apprenticeships, industry certifications, and two and four-year postsecondary education. All Pathways High graduates own their learning and self-advocate; build strong relationships within the community; integrate knowing and doing; and excel at future-readiness skills.