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Garvey/Allen Visual and Performing Arts Academy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Joins Cohort to Reimagine PreK-12 Learning

Funding and management assistance from NewSchools Venture Fund will fuel efforts to launch new, innovative school models

Moreno Valley, CA April 18, 2018 – **Garvey/Allen Visual and Performing Arts Academy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics** is proud to announce its selection as a member of the 2018 Invent cohort at [NewSchools Venture Fund](#). This makes history for Riverside County, as the CEO and Founder, Tiffany Gilmore is the first to ever receive this prestigious grant in the region.

Garvey/Allen Visual and Performing Arts Academy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics is one of 23 organizations in the 2018 investment group. Each cohort member is committed to launch a new, innovative school or instructional model designed to meet all students where they are, help them succeed, and inspire them to create a brighter future for us all. In addition to the funding, NewSchools will provide management assistance and create a community of practice for the cohort members.

Garvey/Allen Visual and Performing Arts Academy for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (GAVPAA STEM- pronounced “GAP-PAH” STEM) is a proposed secondary independent charter school in Moreno Valley, CA. It will open Fall 2019 and eventually serve approximately 840 **ACHIEVERS** in grades 6-12.

Tiffany Gilmore (Doctoral Candidate) is the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of **GAVPAA STEM**. She is an “Equity Warrior” dedicated to the educational and social justice of the historically disenfranchised. Mrs. Gilmore has spent the past 12 years serving children in the classroom and as a site level Administrator at both the Elementary and Secondary levels. Her sole purpose is to eradicate both the opportunity and achievement gaps that exist for Black and Brown children. Tiffany Gilmore is a change agent for students of color, she believes, “**ACHIEVERS** cannot become what they do not see.”

Garvey/Allen Academy’s mission is to transform historically disenfranchised minority students into **ACHIEVERS**, and only refer to them as such; who will become high performing graduates, that attend the top schools of our nation, be provided intensive, high level arts training with a rigorous college preparatory STEM infused curriculum, all while learning cultural connectedness, tolerance and leadership excellence. **Garvey/Allen** will educate **ACHIEVERS** so that they will accomplish their fullest potential as artists, leaders, and global citizens. **GAVPAA STEM** will deliver instruction through project based learning, blended online platforms, and personalized learning plans.

Garvey/Allen Visual and Performing Arts Academy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics will serve grades 6-12. Students may enroll beginning in the 6th grade. The academy encompasses four conservatories to provide robust enrichment – visual arts (animation, culinary, and graphic design), music (production, vocal and instrumental), theatre (acting and theatre production), and dance (all forms). **ACHIEVERS** will be provided Social and Emotional Learning to address the needs and changes of adolescence. Additionally, STEM instruction will utilize state of the art resources and innovative

curriculum to ensure **ACHIEVERS** can compete with their local and global counterparts. **ACHIEVERS** will choose a STEM pathway as their focus. A strong collaboration with parents and the community is an integral part of the school culture. No longer will students have to choose between Visual and Performing Arts or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics). Mrs. Gilmore says, “At GAVPAA STEM, **ACHIEVERS** can have it all; because they are the minds of today, who will change the world tomorrow.”

Chief Executive Officer, Tiffany Gilmore uses Victor Hugo’s quote, “(S)He who opens a school door, closes a Prison” as her catalyst to reimagine the state of the art school that is **Garvey/Allen Visual and Performing Arts Academy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**. She believes that “**ACHIEVERS** are the architects of their own destinies.” As the CEO and Founder, she has set out to ensure a 100% graduation rate, where every **ACHIEVER** will take and pass all A-G required courses and upon graduation can choose to attend Juilliard, an HBCU, Cal State or UC.

“We believe schools can reimagine the student experience to provide the combination of strong academics with the important habits, skills, and mindsets today’s students need to be successful,” said Kareem Weaver, Managing Partner at NewSchools Venture Fund. “That’s why NewSchools is proud to invest in these teams of educators and entrepreneurs who are designing new, innovative approaches with their communities that embrace an expanded definition of student success.”

The vision of **Garvey/Allen Visual and Performing Arts Academy for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics** is to provide “Excellence on Purpose,” while transforming students into **ACHIEVERS** who are history makers, stereotype breakers, and architects of their own destinies; We Soar to Great Heights. Join the movement and “**Be the Solution.**” **GAVPAA STEM** Informational Community Meetings will be held soon. Learn More at [<http://www.garveyallenacademy.com/>].

About NewSchools

NewSchools Venture Fund is a national nonprofit that supports and invests in promising teams of educators, and entrepreneurs, who want to reimagine learning. We help them accomplish their missions to achieve outstanding results for the schools, students and educators they serve. We are committed to helping students graduate high school prepared and inspired to achieve their most ambitious dreams and plans. Through our investing, management assistance, network building, and thought leadership, NewSchools helps to reimagine PreK-12 education.