



United Schools Network
April 19, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 28, 2016

MEDIA CONTACT:
Andrew Boy, CEO & Founder
614.205.0250 | aboy@unitedschoolsnetwork.org

UNITED SCHOOLS NETWORK NAMED AMONG TOP WORKPLACES IN COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS, OHIO – United Schools Network (USN) has been honored as a 2016 [Top Workplace](#) by Columbus C.E.O. Magazine, one of only five schools – and the only charter school – to make the prestigious list of 70 employers. USN, which has been nationally recognized for its success in closing the achievement gap for children living in poverty, is creating a culture of learning that benefits students and staff alike. The Top Workplaces lists are based solely on the results of an employee feedback survey administered by [WorkplaceDynamics, LLC](#), a leading research firm that specializes in organizational health and workplace improvement. USN is one of eight nonprofits on the list and of the 35 employers categorized as “small companies,” which includes those with less than 125 employees, USN is the only school.

“We continue to search for creative ways to keep our staff excited about where they’ve chosen to work,” said USN Founder CEO Andrew Boy. “We know how lucky we are to have our talented, dedicated staff working with us. So it’s important that we listen to them, support them and provide them the time they need to develop. USN is a growing organization, so we are thankful this honor can complement our hiring efforts by attracting staff who are looking for a responsive work family.”

“The Top Workplaces award is not a popularity contest. And oftentimes, people assume it’s all about fancy perks and benefits.” says Doug Claffey, CEO of WorkplaceDynamics. “But to be a Top Workplace, organizations must meet our strict standards for organizational health. And who better to ask about work life than the people who live the culture every day—the employees. Time and time again, our research has proven that what’s most important to them is a strong belief in where the organization is headed, how it’s going to get there, and the feeling that everyone is in it together. Without this sense of connection, an organization doesn’t have a shot at being named a Top Workplace.”

Earlier this year, USN launched a long-term strategic planning process with the goal of retaining talent for at least five years with an emphasis on keeping the best people in the classroom. Key components of the plan include fair, transparent and competitive compensation; differentiated and flexible professional development opportunities; and a reorganized school day that includes built-in time for planning, meetings and professional development.

###

About United Schools Network

United Schools Network is a non-profit charter management organization which began as a single middle school, Columbus Collegiate Academy, in 2008. Currently, USN serves over 600 K-2 and 6 8 students in 3 schools and is dedicated to preparing elementary and middle school students to achieve academic excellence and to become citizens of integrity. Admission is open to all students; academic proficiency is not considered during the admissions process. 75% of our students are students of color and over 90% are economically disadvantaged. Additional information about United Schools Network can be found at www.unitedschoolsnetwork.org.

About WorkplaceDynamics, LLC

Headquartered in Exton, PA, WorkplaceDynamics specializes in employee feedback surveys and workplace improvement. This year alone, more than two million employees in over 6,000 organizations will participate in the Top Workplaces™ campaign—a program it conducts in partnership with more than 40 prestigious media partners across the United States. Workplace Dynamics also provides consulting services to improve employee engagement and organizational health. WorkplaceDynamics is a founding B Corporation member, a coalition of organizations that are leading a global movement to redefine success in business by offering a positive vision of a better way to do business.