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E.L. Haynes Public Charter School Wins Quality Schools Initiative Award

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E.L. Haynes Public Charter School has been named the Charter School winner of Fight for Children's first-ever Quality Schools Initiative Award. Established in 2008, the Quality Schools Initiative recognizes high-quality programs that improve student achievement in public, charter, and independent schools in the District of Columbia through a first-ever competitive award program for schools. The \$100,000 award will be used to further develop the best practices that drive E.L. Haynes' achievement-centered program so that they can be shared with other schools across DC.

"We are honored to be the first recipient of Fight for Children's QSI Charter School award," said Jennie Niles, E.L. Haynes Founder and Head of School. "This grant will enable us to take the next step in our organizational development to realize our vision – to be a model of educational excellence and make a lasting impact on urban education in DC."

About E.L. Haynes

E.L. Haynes Public Charter School was founded in 2004 and has a program based on nationally-recognized best practices for advancing student achievement. At the core of the school's program is the unwavering belief that every student, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, or home language, is capable of reaching high levels of academic performance. E.L. Haynes currently serves 308 students in grades Pre-K through 5 and will grow, adding a grade each year, until it serves 650 students in grades Pre-K through 12. The school is the first year-round public school in Washington, DC and is named for Dr. Euphemia Lofton Haynes, the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate in mathematics, a teacher in the District of Columbia's school system for 47 years, and the first woman to serve as President of the District of Columbia Board of Education. For more information, please visit www.elhaynes.org.