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Universal Pre-Kindergarten Awards TMS Early Childhood Students Additional $96k Tuition Support

CLEVELAND – Aug. 29, 2017 – Back to school is about to get a lot less stressful for many families whose children are enrolled in The Music Settlement’s Preschool and Day School.

Today, TMS announced that Cuyahoga County Invest in Children Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) has awarded the non-profit an additional $96,262 in tuition support.

This increases the contracted amount of $70,000 in UPK tuition support for 2017-2018 by 137 percent.

“This tremendously generous additional award was granted based upon the number of students we serve in our top-rated early childhood education programs,” said Karen Heitlinger, chair of the TMS Center for Early Childhood.

These tuition support dollars will be made available to families who are at or below 400% of the federal poverty level to reduce the parent contribution necessary for affordable, high-quality school programs. This would include a family of four with a household income of $98,400.

“We have already identified recipients for $86,000 in tuition support, and now will be able to extend this support to other eligible families in our five-star award, Step Up To Quality programs,” Heitlinger said.

TMS’s Center for Early Childhood identifies all potential financial-aid opportunities for its families during the school’s enrollment process.

About The Music Settlement
remains on the forefront of music-based initiatives that advance human potential for
students from birth through retirement and beyond. It is generously funded by Cuyahoga
Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council. In 2014, the Settlement opened the BOP STOP
live-music and education venue at 2920 Detroit Ave., after its donation to the organization
in late 2013. In 2017, TMS won its third consecutive Cleveland Magazine Best of the East
award for “Best Music Instruction.” The organization is currently building a new campus in
Ohio City, which will open Fall 2018 and provide early childhood education, music
instruction, and music therapy sessions. Online properties
include www.TheMusicSettlement.org, facebook.com/TheMusicSettlement,
instagram.com/themusicsettlement, and twitter.com/musicsettlement. Classes and
programs can be sorted by age of participant at www.TheMusicSettlement.org/all.