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### **Heart Math Tutoring Receives \$250,000 PROMISE GRANT from National Nonprofit Accelerate to Make High-Impact Tutoring Sustainable and Cost-Effective**

*HMT gives young students successful experiences in math through 1:1 tutoring delivered during the school day by supervised volunteers.*

Charlotte, N.C. (May 25, 2023) — Heart Math Tutoring today announced it will receive a \$250,000 PROMISE GRANT from Accelerate, a national nonprofit working to make high-impact tutoring a standard feature of the American school day. HMT will use this grant to further scale the tutoring program in Charlotte, North Carolina and expand to other regions.

“We are excited to further maximize the positive difference Heart Math Tutoring volunteers and staff are making on elementary students’ math skills and confidence through Accelerate’s support with innovation, evaluation, and scale,” **said Heart Math Tutoring CEO Emily Gaffney.**

With financial support from Accelerate, Heart Math Tutoring will further invest in volunteer tutor recruitment resources and will work closely with schools to ensure a growing number of students can participate in tutoring over time. HMT will also partner with a third-party researcher to pilot program innovations and measure and deepen student impact.

“The evidence behind tutoring as an intervention is strong and the field is making tremendous progress, but we still need more providers with a proven track record that can also scale,” **said Accelerate CEO Kevin Huffman.** “Before the federal pandemic relief dollars dry up, we have an opportunity – and a responsibility – to identify these providers and ensure they are able to deliver cost-effective programs and present evidence that they get results for kids.”

Heart Math Tutoring was selected for a PROMISE GRANT because of its commitment to developing and scaling a research-backed tutoring model that improves outcomes for all students, especially those in historically underserved communities.

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### **About Heart Math Tutoring**

Heart Math Tutoring is a Charlotte-based nonprofit with a mission to ensure that all elementary students develop the strong foundation in math and enthusiasm for academics needed for long-term success, by helping schools use volunteers as tutors. Community volunteers commit one hour per week to deliver an effective, hands-on curriculum through one-on-one tutoring sessions during the school day in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Charleston County School District, and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. Heart is free of charge to families and focuses its support on students who do not have access to resources for private tutoring.

For more information, visit <http://heartmathtutoring.org>.

### **About Accelerate**

Accelerate is a nonprofit organization, incubated and launched by the national nonprofit America Achieves, that seeks to embed high-impact tutoring programs into public schools now and for the long term. Launched in April 2022 with an initial fund of \$65 million, Accelerate funds and supports innovation in schools, launches high-quality research, and advances a federal and state policy agenda to support this work.

Accelerate is leading efforts to improve practice on multiple fronts, including as a lead technical assistance partner to the [National Partnership for Student Success](#) (NPSS). The NPSS is a joint partnership of more than 100 organizations, The Department of Education, AmeriCorps, the Johns Hopkins Everyone Graduates Center to launch a new coalition formed to expand high-quality tutoring, mentoring, and other evidence-based support programs, with the goal of ensuring an additional 250,000 adults serve in these roles over the next three years.

Accelerate is supported by Citadel founder and CEO Kenneth C. Griffin; Arnold Ventures; the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; the Overdeck Family Foundation; and the Walton Family Foundation.

For more information, visit <http://www.accelerate.us>.

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