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## **Propel Awarded for Outstanding Community Leadership by National Black MBA Association**

*– Backpack feeding program recognized for providing meals for children in need –*

**PITTSBURGH, Nov. 15, 2016** – Propel Schools was honored by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Black MBA Association with the 2016 Outstanding Community Leadership Award for its backpack feeding program, which provides food to students on weekends when school breakfasts and lunches are not options. During the 2015-2016 school year, Propel’s backpack program provided nutritious meals to more than 550 children in food insecure situations.

Propel was one of several organizations and individuals in the community that were recognized during the 2016 National Black MBA Annual Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon at The University Club in Pittsburgh on Saturday, Nov. 5. Awardees were chosen based on exemplary leadership and dedication to the mission and values of the National Black MBA Association.

“We are honored to be among the inspiring members of our community who have been recognized by the National Black MBA Association,” said Jeremy Resnick, co-founder, Propel Schools. “Propel is proud of our efforts to ensure that undeserved children in our schools and communities are receiving the nutritious meals that they need, and we look forward to continuing to expand the backpack program.”

Mr. Resnick joined a panel of community and education leaders at the luncheon to discuss the connection of education to the community, the state of education in the city of Pittsburgh and ways that students can empower themselves through education.

### **About Propel Schools**

*Propel Schools, based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to catalyze the transformation of public education so that all children have access to high performing public schools. Propel has become one of the largest, fastest-expanding set of charter schools in the state, with the highest levels of student achievement among Pennsylvania public school districts serving high poverty areas. Propel is serving 3,700 students this year at 11 Allegheny County locations. Visit [www.propelschools.org](http://www.propelschools.org) to learn more.*

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