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## **Propel Schools Recognized as a Common Sense Media District**

PITTSBURGH, February 8, 2018 – Common Sense, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids and families thrive in a world of digital media and technology, recently designated Propel Schools as a Common Sense District.

The recognition acknowledges Propel's commitment to creating a culture of digital learning and online citizenship. Using a 'whole-community' approach, Propel prepares students to utilize the immense power of digital media to explore, create, connect and learn. As student safety is of the utmost importance to Propel, digital literacy teaches students the perils of plagiarism, loss of privacy and cyberbullying.

"We applaud the faculty and staff of Propel Schools for embracing digital citizenship as an important part of their students' education," said Liz Kline, VP, Education Programs, Common Sense Education. "Propel Schools deserves high praise for giving its students the foundational skills they need to compete and succeed in the 21st-century workplace and participate ethically in society at large."

Propel Schools set a goal to achieve the Common Sense designation for this school year. The resources teach students, educators, and parents tangible skills related to Internet safety, protecting online reputations and personal privacy, managing online relationships, and respecting creative copyright. The free resources are currently used in more than 90,000 classrooms nationwide.

"We're honored to be recognized as a Common Sense District" said Propel Schools Superintendent/CEO Dr. Tina Chekan. "By preparing our students to use technology safely and responsibly, we are providing them unlimited opportunities to maximize and personalize their learning."

To learn more about the criteria Propel Schools met to become recognized as a Common Sense District, visit <https://www.common sense.org/education/recognition-districts>.



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### **About Propel Schools**

Propel Schools is a network of public charter schools that transforms the lives of children in underserved communities through innovative, student-centered learning. Propel sets a standard for creating productive citizens by prioritizing academic excellence and fundamental life skills. Based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Propel has become one of the largest, fastest-expanding charter school organizations since it was established in 2003. Today, Propel serves 4,000 students at 13 Allegheny County locations. Visit [propelschools.org](http://propelschools.org) to learn more.

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