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Granite Supports Urban Charter Schools

Uncommon Schools Organization Aims to Close the Achievement Gap

(June 20, 2014)-Randolph, MA—Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of communications solutions to businesses, raised **\$3,654** for Uncommon Schools, an organization that starts and manages charter public schools in urban areas. Uncommon Schools' goal is to encourage low-income students to graduate from college and help close the achievement gap in the United States.

Uncommon Schools runs schools in Boston, New York City, Troy, Rochester, and Newark. Each school emphasizes a longer school day, a longer school year, and greater focus on math and literacy in the curriculum. Uncommon Schools' students dramatically outperform the state on standardized tests in math and reading and students' results become increasingly impressive the longer they are enrolled in the schools.

Granite's contribution will allow a new art pilot program to purchase much needed mirrors, microphones, and theater equipment. Granite teammate Susan Duquette identified Uncommon Schools for Granite's "Jeans Day" fundraising. For more information about the schools, visit www.uncommonschools.org/.

About Jeans Day

Through weekly Jeans Days, held every Friday, Granite employees have the option to wear business casual attire or jeans with a donation of \$3 to the selected charity. Each week, the Granite Cares Committee, comprised of Granite employees, chooses a qualifying nonprofit organization nominated by other employees. Granite then matches the amount raised by employees.

About Granite

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