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**The Grainger Foundation Supports
Read Foundation
dba Memphis School of Excellence**

Memphis, TN, November 29, 2016 – The Grainger Foundation, an independent, private foundation located in Lake Forest, Illinois, has donated \$2,500 to the Read Foundation, dba Memphis School of Excellence, in support of its mission to provide a safe and collaborative environment, and cultivate the academic and social development of its students by emphasizing math, science, and technology for the purpose of students setting and meeting higher educational goals.

“This grant will be used to provide instructional supplies,” said Muhammet Turkay, Executive Director, Memphis School of Excellence. “It is vital that we continue to focus on and improve education, and this donation certainly helps us in that cause. We are grateful to The Grainger Foundation for its generosity.”

Memphis School of Excellence programs currently serve sixth through 12th grades with great success. Students in the program have a 100 percent graduation rate and 100 percent college acceptance rate.

This donation was recommended by Shannon Bibbee, Director of Distribution with W.W. Grainger, Inc.’s, Memphis Distribution Center. Grainger has been a part of the Memphis business community for more than 50 years as the leading broad line supplier of maintenance, repair, and operating products. “We are proud to recommend the programs offered by Memphis School of Excellence,” said Bibbee. “We understand the need for academic and social development of all students.”

The Grainger Foundation, an independent, private foundation based in Lake Forest, Illinois, was established in 1949 by William W. Grainger, founder of W.W. Grainger, Inc.

Memphis School of Excellence (MSE) is a tuition free public charter school serving grades 6-12 in Hickory Hill, Memphis area. MSE is one of the best performing charter schools in the state of Tennessee.

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