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Third Space Learning Receives \$150,000 Innovation Grant from National Nonprofit Accelerate to Make High-Impact Tutoring Sustainable and Cost-Effective

Washington, D.C. (May 25, 2023) — Third Space Learning today announced it will receive a \$150,000 Innovation Grant from Accelerate, a national nonprofit working to make high-impact tutoring a standard feature of the American school day.

Tom Hooper, CEO Third Space Learning, says: *“Over the last 10 years Third Space Learning has become one of the largest providers of high impact tutoring to disadvantaged students, working with nearly 4000 schools. We have developed a global community of specialist online Math tutors, transforming the scale and significantly reducing the price of high quality one-on-one math tutoring for schools. We’re excited to work with Accelerate and are grateful for the opportunities that this award will bring. Our purpose and experience is well aligned with Accelerate’s mission, and we look forward to helping students across the USA in order to address the national achievement gaps that have worsened significantly over the last two years.”*

“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.”

Third Space Learning was selected for a Call to Effective Action 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.

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>.