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**INFORMATION:**

*Author’s credentials:*

Dafney Tales is a reporter for Philadelphia Daily News with a focus on education, thus this article has credibility.

*Scope and purpose of the work:*

This article functions as an editorial, presenting information on the grant given to Mastery Charter Schools by Oprah Winfrey. This article is expressing the success of Mastery Charter Schools and the publicity they are receiving as the model of successful Charter Schools.

*Intended Audience:*

Based on the use of pop culture references, the language, and the depth of the information, this material was most likely intended for everyday readers of Philadelphia Daily News who happen to have an interest in education.

**SUMMARY**

*Thesis or main idea:*

Oprah Winfrey has given a grant of $1 Million to Mastery Charter Schools in Philadelphia, as a testament to the successful of Mastery reforming education in the Philadelphia area.

*Summary of main arguments:*

The author of this article provided insight into the growing national attention being given to Mastery Charter Schools as a model for success in the field of Charter School education. This grant provides Mastery with the opportunity to open new schools, renovate their currents buildings, and incorporate extracurricular activities not yet incorporated into their current schools. This money and publicity provided by Oprah gives a charter school that has been successful the means to continue to be successful and to become even more successful in the future.

**EVIDENCE**

*Summary of evidence:*

This article provides information of Oprah Winfrey’s involvement with Mastery Charter Schools as the model for education reform, as shown through her giving of $1 Million dollars to the schools through Oprah’s Angel Network. This article provides specific information on the growth of Mastery in the Philadelphia area and the use of the grant Oprah provided as a means of expansion.

**EVALUATION**

*Evaluation of research:*

This article was well-researched, providing a decent amount of information surrounding the grant given out by Oprah’s Angel Network to Mastery Charter Schools in Philadelphia. This grant encourages the growth and sustentation of Mastery Charter Schools as a model of successful education reform across the country.

*Evaluation of scope:*

This article is very narrow in its scope. However, due to this narrowness, the details on the grant given to Mastery Charter Schools are tremendous, leaving a great depth of information for research on the subject.

*Evaluation of author bias:*

This is an editorial on the grant presented by Oprah’s Angel Network to Mastery Charter Schools, which means that author bias is present, yet expected.

**REFLECTION:**

This article provided great information about the success of Mastery Charter Schools as the national attention begins to look at them as a model for success in the Charter School System and has been supported by Barack Obama and Oprah Winfrey.