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## NEWS RELEASE

### **New York City Montessori Charter School Partners with Eugenio María de Hostos Community College/CUNY to Host Science Day**

Bronx, New York, October 23, 2017—The New York City Montessori Charter School (NYCMCS) and the Education Department of Hostos Community College (HCC) will host “Science Day” on Thursday, October 26, 2017, from 1-3 p.m. The event will take place at NYCMCS, located at 423 East 138<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY and engage children in hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) activities that foster critical thinking.

The New York City Montessori Charter School is the first and only Montessori public school in New York City – passionately offering educational services to pre-k through 5th grade students in Community School District 7 of the Bronx. NYCMCS is designed to empower children to be critical thinkers and creative problem solvers with strong social skills so they can succeed and pursue higher education and prepare for careers needed in the 21st Century. The school fosters values such as kindness, respect, appreciation, trust, communication, patience, perseverance, integrity, cooperation, individuality, creativity, and care for the planet.

Hostos Community College/City University of New York (CUNY), was created by an act of the Board of Higher Education on April 22, 1968. In September of 1970, the college admitted a charter class of 623 students at 475 Grand Concourse, a five-story building on the southwest corner of East 149th Street and the Grand Concourse that was once a tire factory. Additionally, in 1970, the State Legislature acted to ease an increasing space shortage by passing a special bill to acquire the \*500 Building\* across from the original site. Furthermore, in the same year, Hostos was granted full and unconditional accreditation following a highly favorable evaluation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Enrollment currently stands at almost 7,000 students.

Media Representatives can indicate the purpose for their presence to the Security Guard in the lobby of the building and request entry via the Principal – Mr. Abeku Hayes, or the Assistant Principal – Ms. Wanda Andujar. Interviews can be conducted with either of these two individuals or Assistant Principal Kim Smaw as it relates to the Charter School, as well as with Dr. Sherese Mitchell, Assistant Professor at Hostos, Dr. Marcella Mandracchia, Adjunct Professor at Hostos, or Dr. Denise Cummings-Clay, Assistant Professor at Hostos and Chair of the Education Committee of the NYCMCS Board of Trustees.