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Munson Celebrates 25 Years of CASEL, Social-Emotional Learning

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019—Great Minds founder and CEO Lynne Munson joined the leaders of the social-emotional learning movement to celebrate how high quality curricula entwined with social-emotional learning help children achieve their greatest potential.

“When we give teachers a curriculum that is exceptional and accessible, we tear down barriers for all students—including those facing social and emotional challenges, students who struggle with dyslexia, English learners, and students with few print materials at home and who have no one to take them to libraries and museums,” Munson told attendees at the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) founders dinner

Munson described student success at an elementary school outside Denver that uses [Wit & Wisdom](#), the English language arts curriculum from Great Minds. The household income in this district is the lowest in Colorado. Some of these children doubt whether they belong in school. Yet, their [teacher](#) said, “It’s amazing what kids can do once they feel competent and successful.”

Munson preceded the keynote speaker, David Brooks of The New York Times, who outlined the “weaver” movement promoting societal interconnectedness for stronger communities and democracy. Other event participants included CASEL founders Dan Goleman, Mark Greenberg, Eileen Rockefeller Growald, Linda Lantieri, Tim Shriver, David Sluyter, and honorary founder Roger Weissberg.

Munson’s full remarks are available [here](#). A one-page infographic summarizing how *Wit & Wisdom* and [Eureka Math](#), the Great Minds math curriculum, integrate SEL, is available [here](#). Detailed analyses of how *Wit & Wisdom* and *Eureka Math* integrate SEL are available [here](#) for downloading after registration.

About Great Minds: Great Minds provides the highest quality curricula to schools and districts nationwide, inspiring joy in teaching and learning. *Eureka Math* and *Wit & Wisdom* both earned top scores from independent nonprofit reviewer EdReports.org. Great Minds is the only curriculum creator to have earned three Tier 1 ratings, the highest possible, from the Louisiana Department of Education, highly respected for its curricular leadership. Curricula earning the Tier 1 ratings were *Wit & Wisdom*, *Eureka Math*, and *PhD Science*[™]. A 2016 RAND Corporation report found *Eureka Math* and its original version, EngageNY Math, to be the most widely used elementary school math curricula in the nation. *Geodes*[®], a library of beautifully illustrated, content-rich books with phonics practice for emerging readers, is the latest Great Minds offering to delight teachers and students. Learn more at greatminds.org.