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Total Motivation Science for the Next Generation From Mentoring Minds Wins *Tech & Learning*'s 2017 Award of Excellence

Standards-Based Science Resource Honored as Groundbreaking Tool for Teaching the NGSS and Supplementing Science Curricula

BOSTON – December 12, 2017 – [Mentoring Minds](#), national publisher of critical thinking-focused resources for K-12, today announced that its science curriculum, [Total Motivation Science for the Next Generation](#), is a winner in *Tech & Learning* magazine's 2017 Awards of Excellence. Total Motivation Science was named a "Best New Product" in the prestigious and rigorous annual ed tech awards program.

"At Mentoring Minds, our goal is to equip teachers and students with rigorous content that is aligned to the standards and promotes the critical thinking skills that will help students succeed in school and life," said Michael Lujan, CEO and founder of Mentoring Minds. "We're thrilled to have Total Motivation Science for the Next Generation recognized among the best ed tech products in the market today."

Total Motivation Science for the Next Generation brings science to life and fully addresses the NGSS with rigorous content in both print and online formats. Based on the 5E Model of Instruction, the curriculum weaves together three-dimensional learning experiences to build knowledge across all curricular areas and support NGSS implementation and STEM practices for grade level 5.

"We designed Total Motivation Science for the Next Generation as a comprehensive tool to help teachers implement the NGSS," said Karen Lane, lead science editor at Mentoring Minds. "Hundreds of instructional activities that integrate three-dimensional learning provide teachers with hands-on ideas for teaching the standards and engaging their students with the content."

The Teacher Edition provides robust instructional support aligned to the 5E Model that aids educators as they transition to the NGSS. The Student Edition introduces subject matter with hands-on investigations, activities and assessment items that are coded to the NGSS; Science, Technology, Society and the Environment (STSE); Nature of Science; Engineering Design and the state standards for Math and English Language Arts. To incorporate an extra layer of rigor, all instructional activities are also coded to Depth of Knowledge (DOK) and Bloom's Taxonomy (Original and Revised).

About *Tech & Learning*

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About Mentoring Minds, the Critical Thinking for Life company

Mentoring Minds is a national K-12 publisher with a mission to put critical thinking at the center of the classroom in order to support student achievement and empower educators to teach to higher standards. Mentoring Minds' award-winning, research-based resources are designed to be flexible for classroom needs, supporting technology integration and standards mastery for Math, ELA, and Science. Mentoring Minds' commitment to education extends beyond the classroom, as well; the company proudly sponsors groundbreaking administrators across the nation and supports community-based education initiatives through MindShare, an employee-driven grant program. For more information, call 800-585-5258 or visit mentoringminds.com.

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