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Lincoln Park High School recognized by State of Michigan for Tuition Incentive Program application completion rate

Program plays critical role in connecting students to state financial aid programs to fund college tuition

LINCOLN PARK, Mich. – **Lincoln Park High School** (LPHS) was recently recognized as one of Michigan’s top 50 schools in **Tuition Incentive Program** (TIP) application completion, by the Michigan Department of Treasury’s Student Scholarship and Grants division. The TIP program was developed to inform students of their eligibility for state financial aid programs and to connect them to those resources.

“The TIP program plays an integral role in notifying students about their eligibility to receive money from the State to attend college and helping them complete the steps required to receive the funds,” said **Marisa Tucker**, college advisor and senior transition advisor at Lincoln Park High School. “I love that my job allows me to play a role in helping students prepare for life after high school, by developing a next steps plan. It’s encouraging to see how motivated the students are to take on the world and fulfill their hopes and dreams.”

The TIP program is a state program that offers college tuition assistance for low-income students between the ages of 9 and 18 who have received Medicaid benefits for at least two years. A two-phase program, the TIP program covers two years of community college tuition and makes two annual contributions of \$1,000 to be used toward tuition at a four-year university. In total, students are eligible to receive funding from the State of Michigan for up to four years.

“The TIP program is the state’s way of stepping up to offset the cost of college and creating a path for low-income students to realize their goal of attending college,” said **Daniel Mercer**, principal Lincoln Park High School. “I am eternally grateful for the work Marisa does every day to help prepare our students for life in the real world. From resumes, college and TIP applications to completing FAFSA, she works everyday to make sure our students and their families know that college is accessible, affordable and achievable.”

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