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Raupp Elementary becomes first school in nation to earn Trauma Informed School Accreditation

LPPS' Resilient Schools Project helps students bounce back in the wake of trauma and adversity

LINCOLN PARK, Mich. – **Lincoln Park Public Schools** on Monday celebrated **Raupp Elementary** becoming the first public school in the United States to receive Starr Commonwealth's Trauma Informed School Accreditation.

"Using its trauma-informed, resilient-focused lens, Starr provided us with a different perspective on recognizing stress and trauma in our students, and how it negatively impacts their learning, behavior and relationships," said **Nicole Chubb**, executive director of special education for Lincoln Park Public Schools. "Through the accreditation process, our teachers, staff and administrators have learned how to engage students in ways that foster connections, promote belonging, encourage academic success and increase resilience."

Raupp's accreditation follows the successful launch of the Resilient Schools Project, which uses trauma-informed decision-making and resilient-focused strategies to help students bounce back and redefine themselves in the wake of trauma and adversity. Leveraging each new tool and technique, Raupp staff is now better equipped to help students process difficult experiences, diffuse conflict before it arises, and develop a mindset that allows them to feel safe and ready to learn.

"We know a trauma-informed and resilience-focused mindset leads to experiences that create changes for the better in all aspects of life," said **Caelan Soma**, chief clinical officer at Starr Commonwealth. "We hope Lincoln Park's Resilient Schools Project will have a significant and exponential impact – not just for every student who attends LPPS and the educators who work in the district, but for every person who LPPS students and educators come into contact with through the course of their lives."

Starr Commonwealth is an independent, nonprofit organization that partners with districts, schools and organizations nationwide to improve student, family and community health outcomes.

"Achieving the Trauma Informed School Accreditation took time, hard work, training and dedication. Our staff rolled up their sleeves, stayed committed and changed the learning environment at Raupp Elementary," said **Terry Dangerfield**, Lincoln Park Public Schools

superintendent. “As a result of our commitment, we have created a learning environment where every student can learn, grow and succeed.”

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From left to right: Nicole Chubb, executive director of special education for LPPS, Terry Dangerfield, superintendent of LPPS, Elizabeth Carey, president and CEO of Starr Commonwealth, Dr. Caelan Soma, chief clinical officer for Starr Commonwealth, Tara Randall, principal of LPMS and former principal of Raupp Elementary and Nicole Sexton, principal of Raupp Elementary.