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KIPP Indy Receives \$25 Million Grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to Strengthen Academic Achievement and Expand Community Impact

KIPP Indianapolis Inc. has received a \$25 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. through its Marion County K-12 Public Schools Initiative. This is one of 34 large-scale implementation grants being awarded through phase 3 of the initiative, which is designed to help strengthen the academic achievement of students in Indianapolis and improve their prospects for success after high school.

This significant investment represents the largest single commitment in KIPP Indy's history and will accelerate the organization's long-term vision outlined in its strategic plan, *Together to the Top*. KIPP Indy will invest in several systems-level initiatives that directly strengthen academic achievement, deepen community partnerships, and build long-term sustainability across its K–12 network:

- **Accelerated Learning:** Expansion of high-dosage tutoring, targeted intervention roles, and research-based academic supports to increase proficiency and growth across all grade levels.
- **Community Capacity Building:** Strengthened partnerships with key neighborhood organizations to address contextual factors identified in the Martindale-Brightwood *Quality of Life Plan*.
- **Capital Improvements at Legacy High:** Enhancements to instructional spaces and community-use areas to deepen both the student and neighborhood experience.

These efforts are designed to sustain and expand what is working, strengthen organizational capacity, and ensure that every student has access to high-quality learning environments and robust postsecondary pathways.

"This historic investment from Lilly Endowment will have a lasting impact on the students and families we serve," said David Spencer, Executive Director of KIPP Indy. "It enables us to expand programs that are already showing strong results while building the long-term infrastructure needed to reach our goal of being in the top quartile of public schools by 2028. We are deeply grateful for Lilly Endowment's support of our mission and commitment to nurture the potential of every KIPP Indy student."

About Lilly Endowment

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly, Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. Although the gifts of stock remain a financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion. The Endowment funds programs throughout the United States, especially in the field of religion, and maintains a special commitment to its founders' hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

About KIPP Indy

KIPP Indy Public Schools is a network of free, public K–12 schools located in the historic Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood of Indianapolis. Serving more than 1,500 students, KIPP Indy is committed to preparing students for college, career, and life through joyful, academically excellent schools and deep community partnerships. KIPP Indy partners closely with staff, students, families, and the community to ensure every student has access to high-quality learning opportunities and pathways to postsecondary success.