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**The Lincoln Academy Signs Five-Year Charter Contract and Earns Major Grant Awards**

BELOIT, Wis - The Lincoln Academy (TLA) is proud to announce that it has received a five-year charter contract from the University of Wisconsin Office of Educational Opportunity (OEO), and earned grant awards from the Charter School Growth Fund and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

The five-year charter contract, the longest allowed by state statute, was approved by the University of Wisconsin Office of Educational Opportunity. The extension allows TLA to continue operating as a public charter school through 2031. The contract comes as The Lincoln Academy continues to demonstrate excellence across academic, organizational, and financial performance measures, achieving 100% compliance with the OEO's performance framework.

In addition to the charter contract, The Lincoln Academy has been awarded a three-year grant of \$330,000 per year from the Charter School Growth Fund, a national nonprofit organization that invests in high-performing public charter schools, and a \$800,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The funding will support TLA's expansion efforts and help advance long-term strategic goals.

"These milestones reflect the incredible work happening throughout TLA and position us for an exciting future." Chief Education Officer Dr. Kristi Cole stated. "As we continue growing from approximately 730 scholars toward an enrollment of 1,500, the contract and grant awards ensure we are able to expand while remaining focused on providing an exceptional educational experience for every scholar."

Together, these accomplishments build on the momentum The Lincoln Academy has established since opening its doors and position TLA for continued success in the years ahead.

**About The Lincoln Academy**

The Lincoln Academy (TLA) is an innovative K4–12 public charter school in Beloit, Wisconsin, chartered through the University of Wisconsin System's Office of Educational Opportunities. Since 2021, TLA has provided a free, high-quality education for Wisconsin families. Learn more at [www.thelincolnacadeymbeloit.com](http://www.thelincolnacadeymbeloit.com).