



LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY - EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION - COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

GRANTS AND FEDERAL FUNDING QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Mission: To increase district grant and federal funding in order to address the needs of the five year strategic plan for the Linden Public Schools. Our goal is to maximize resources available for the Linden Public Schools in order to increase educational opportunities and ensure accountability of those resources.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER



The Linden Public Schools and City of Linden accepted the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge. A resolution was submitted to the City of Linden in order to partner with key stakeholders in the development of a My Brother's Keeper Program for our students. The mission of the My Brother's Keeper Alliance is to lead a cross-sector national call to action focused on building safe and supportive communities for boys and young men of color where they feel valued and have clear pathways for opportunity. The Linden Public School District has formed both a My Brother's Keeper and a My Sister's Keeper program that will focus on mentoring, college and career readiness, internships, making responsible decisions and social emotional learning. Students will be matched with a MBK/MSK mentor in order to develop positive relationships aimed at providing support, guidance, problem solving skills and life skills. Mentors and stakeholders will follow the MBK Equity Framework which is an evidence-based resource of core values and guidance.

[My Brother's Keeper Alliance - Obama Foundation](#)



The Linden Public School District has partnered with Kean University in order to provide our secondary students an opportunity to participate in the Scholar Academy. Kean University's Scholar Academy offers qualified students the chance to join pre-college mentorships, internships and other enrichment activities that support their academic journey towards college. The first cohort of Linden students will begin a three week summer orientation on campus to learn about the college experience and meet other students in their cohort. Throughout the academic year, students will engage in workshops, classes and counseling sessions on campus while attending Linden High School. Each student will receive an individualized education plan based on their chosen academic pathway and begin to enroll in classes at Kean as they progress in their high school career. By the time they graduate high school, students may earn up to sixty credits in their selected major.

[Kean Scholar Academy](#)



The Linden Public School District received four separate Project Lead the Way Grants to support students and staff within all three secondary schools. A total of \$48,200 was received in order to implement and expand our PLTW programs. Project Lead the Way is a non-profit organization that provides transformative learning experiences for both students and staff across the United States. Through various pathways, such as Computer Science and Engineering, they will learn technical skills along with problem solving, critical thinking, communication and collaboration. PLTW provides teachers with the training resources and support they need to engage students in real world learning.



The Linden Public Schools received a \$1000 grant from the Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation. The MSHE grant is meant for educators to teach their students about the Holocaust. The goal of the Holocaust education is for students to learn the history and how lessons of the past can lead to kindness, respect and inclusion in our society. The grant award will be used at Linden High School to create a Holocaust Resource Center in the library for both students and staff members.



The Hiring and Retention Bonus Grant was awarded to the Linden Public Schools since it provides both before and after care licensed sites within the district. This grant award is funded through the New Jersey Department of Human Services and the Division of Family Development. The grant will help to reward and retain the current staff in the amount of a \$1000 bonus for each eligible employee. All eight elementary schools will receive the bonus grants for their after-school employees with a grand total of \$83,000 awarded.



The NJDOE awarded the Linden Public Schools with a \$35,000 IDEA Supplemental Grant Award for the 2021-2022 school year. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B grant award will be used to increase the inclusion of students with disabilities in the district after school program. The additional support will be utilized both during the after school year and summer programming.. The funding will be used to provide a Summer STEM Academy for students in grades six through eight along with project based learning opportunities from the Liberty Science Center.

SECOND QUARTER GRANT AND FUNDING ACTIVITY



FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
TITLE I-A ESEA CONSOLIDATED	\$1,488,327
TITLE I SIA	\$26,988
TITLE II	\$294,570
TITLE III	\$154,192
TITLE III IMMIGRANT	\$18,333
TITLE IV	\$42,491
CARES EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT	\$993,174
ESSER 2	\$3,853,625
LEARNING ACCELERATION GRANT (ESSER 2)	\$247,306
MENTAL HEALTH (ESSER 2)	\$45,000
ARP ESSER	\$8,660,774
ACCELERATED LEARNING AND COACHING EDUCATION GRANT (ARP ESSER)	\$646,339
EVIDENCED BASED COMPREHENSIVE BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY GRANT (ARP ESSER)	\$44,066

EVIDENCED BASED SUMMER LEARNING AND ENRICHMENT GRANT (ARP ESSER)	\$44,066
NJ TIERED MENTAL HEALTH GRANT (ARP ESSER)	\$445,613
21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER GRANT	\$425,000
IDEA SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT	\$35,000
MIDDLE GRADES CAREER AWARENESS AND EXPLORATION GRANT	\$68,940
MARK SCHONWETTER HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT	\$1000
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (LHS/COMPUTER SCIENCE)	\$14,000
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (LHS/ENGINEERING)	\$16,000
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (SMS)	\$9,100
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (MMS)	\$9,100
HIRING AND RETENTION BONUS GRANT (ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS)	\$83,000
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