

# Press Release

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## **LPS ANNOUNCES TRI-MENTORING PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD**

LINCOLN, NE, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009: LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (LPS) IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE 2009-2010 LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRI-MENTORING ADVISORY BOARD (TMAB). THE ADVISORY BOARD ACTS AS AN ADVOCACY BOARD TO THE LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRI-MENTORING PARTNERSHIP. PARTNERS INCLUDED IN THIS INITIATIVE INCLUDE; LPS, EL CENTRO DE LAS AMERICAS, HEARTLAND BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS AND TEAMMATES OF LINCOLN.

BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED INVOLVEMENT IN A STRATEGIC ACTION PROCESS PRIORITIZING ACTION STEPS TO SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH GRANT OBJECTIVES; CLOSURE OF THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GAP, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MENTOR-MENTEE MATCHES FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MENTORS WORKING FROM A CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE, INCREASED PARENT INVOLVEMENT, AND INCREASED MENTOR-MENTEE MATCH LONGEVITY.

"I FEEL EXTREMELY FORTUNATE THAT THIS GROUP HAS COMMITTED THROUGH THEIR NUMEROUS TALENTS TO COMPLIMENT THROUGH TRI-MENTORING EFFORTS TO EMPOWER OF "ALL" OUR DISTRICTS STUDENTS. THE DISTRICT AND I ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR COMMITMENT OF TIME, INSIGHT AND DIVERSE SKILL SET THAT WILL LEAD TO MEANINGFUL EFFORTS ENSURING THAT ALL STUDENTS FULFILL THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL." STATED PETE FERGUSON, TRI-MENTORING PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST.

2009-2010 BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDE: LISA BORCHARDT, NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY; DIANA BUCHANAN, STATE FARM INSURANCE; BRITT EHLRS, ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION; DOUG EMERY, LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL; LORI GOTTULA, INDIAN PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; ANN GRADWOHL, ARTIST; JOAN HINES, INDIGO BOOKS; MARIA SALINAS-SHERIFFIUS, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CO.; PHYLLIS STONE, SPEAKER/LECTURER/TEACHER; AVA THOMAS, LINCOLN JOURNAL-STAR; NATE WOODS, MALONE CENTER; AND ANGELA ZABAWA, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL-GOODRICH.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TRI-MENTORING PARTNERSHIP OR MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY-CONTACT PETE FERGUSON AT 402.436.1974 OR GO TO THE TRI-MENTORING PARTNERSHIP LINK AT LPS.ORG KEYWORD TRI-MENTORING PARTNERSHIP.**

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