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MSD of Lawrence Township receives \$1.5M in funding from the Lilly Endowment

INDIANAPOLIS – Lilly Endowment Inc. has approved grants to fifty-two Indiana public school corporations and five Indiana charter schools to help them implement strategies to strengthen school counseling programs for students. The MSD of Lawrence Township was identified as one of six programs in Marion County and is slated to receive \$1,527,400.

The grants are part of the Lilly Endowment’s Comprehensive Counseling Initiative for Indiana K-12 students. The five-year initiative is designed to encourage public schools to aspire to and develop best practice comprehensive counseling models that effectively address the academic, college, career, and social and emotional counseling needs of students.

“This grant dovetails beautifully with our Strategic Plan, emphasizing an enhanced system of care,” shares superintendent, Dr. Shawn A. Smith. “Providing students with access to a comprehensive network of advisors and mentors, in collaboration with community resources, helps to ensure the social and emotional wellness of all students.” According to Director of Grants and Programs, Ms. Patricia Gerber, “Lilly Endowment recognized the work of the MSD of Lawrence Township by providing funding to support our innovative approach to developing a system of care supporting the whole child.”

The complete Lilly Endowment Press Release is available at:
<http://www.lillyendowment.org/pdf/COUNSELING2017.pdf>

About the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township:

The ninth largest and fastest growing school district in the state, the MSD of Lawrence Township serves approximately 16,000 students across four Early Learning Centers, eleven Elementary Schools, two Middle Schools, two High Schools a Center for Innovation and Technology, and an alternative setting high school. Lawrence Township strives to be the district of destination, a reputation built over the years based on the district’s award-winning staff, accomplished administrators, high-achieving students, supportive community, and innovative educational programs. Visit our website at www.LTschools.org.