



Lindley Academy Highlights Board President and Alumnus Reginald A. Howard as School Enters Charter Renewal Year

Spotlight underscores Lindley's enduring commitment to community leadership and student success

PHILADELPHIA, PA; Nov. 12, 2025—As Lindley Academy, one of four American Paradigm Schools (APS) located in North Philadelphia, enters its charter renewal year, the school is shining a spotlight on Board President Reginald A. Howard. A proud Lindley alumnus and lifelong advocate for community health, equity, and education, Howard embodies Lindley's ongoing commitment to empowering students through leadership grounded in lived experience.

Howard, who graduated from Lindley Academy when it was known as Birney Elementary School, has dedicated his career to fostering positive change across Philadelphia's communities. As a mental health advocate, author, and program coordinator, he brings personal insight and professional expertise to his role on the board, championing equity, student well-being, and family engagement.

"Lindley's strength lies in its people, those who know this community, love this community, and work every day to make it stronger," said Howard. "As an alumnus, it's incredibly meaningful to help guide the school that shaped my foundation and to ensure every student has the same opportunities to grow and succeed."

Through hosting the acclaimed podcast Equity w/ Reginald A. Howard, he has led national conversations on mental health and systemic change, garnering more than 200,000 downloads. Locally, Howard has advanced initiatives through the Stephen and Sandra Sheller 11th Street Family Health Services at Drexel University, strengthening health and wellness outreach in North Philadelphia.

"Having leaders like Mr. Howard on our board reflects exactly what Lindley stands for — a school rooted in community, guided by compassion, and committed to growth," said Ashley Redfearn, CEO of American Paradigm Schools. "As Lindley embarks on its renewal process, we're proud to showcase the strong leadership and neighborhood connection that drive our mission."

APS remains committed to uplifting the voices and experiences of those who serve its students and neighborhoods. By highlighting the community connections and leadership that guide its schools, APS continues to strengthen the foundation of support that helps every student thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. For more information and available positions at Lindley Academy Charter School, please visit ap-schools.org/Lindley-Academy.

About American Paradigm Schools

American Paradigm Schools (APS) is a nonprofit charter management organization that supports and serves four charter schools in North and Northeast Philadelphia. These schools are: First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School; Lindley Academy Charter School; Memphis Street Academy; and Tacony Academy Charter School. For more information, visit www.ap-schools.org.

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