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Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney Awarded \$70,000 in State Funding to Advance School Safety and Student Mental Health

PCCD grant reinforces Lindley's commitment to student well-being and community investment

PHILADELPHIA, PA; June 18, 2026 — Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney, part of the [American Paradigm Schools](#) (APS) network, has been awarded \$70,000 in grant funding through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to support school safety and student mental health initiatives.

"Every family who chooses Lindley is trusting us with what matters most to them, their child. This funding allows us to honor that trust by investing directly in the safety and mental health supports that help our scholars reach their full potential," said Dr. Margery Covello, CEO of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney.

The award was announced by Senator Sharif Street (PA-3) as part of a broader investment of more than \$1 million in Philadelphia-area charter schools. Lindley was among 17 schools selected to receive funding designed to address school violence and strengthen student well-being across the 3rd Senate District.

"Investing in school safety and mental health ensures that students, educators, and other critical staff can have the peace of mind they need to thrive," said Senator Street. "I am proud to be able to advocate for Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney for funding to give their community what it needs to continue to provide their students with a quality education."

"This investment helps strengthen the resources available to Lindley's scholars and school community," said Ashley Redfearn, CEO of American Paradigm Schools. "We are grateful to Sen. Street and PCCD for supporting schools as they work to meet the needs of young people and create conditions where they can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally."

For more information about Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney, 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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