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## Lincoln in top 25 Public Education Foundations Nationally

Lincoln, NE – The Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools has been named the 13<sup>th</sup> best educational foundation in the country by The Caruther's Institute, an educational think tank.

This is the fourth year the report, titled <u>"Stepping Up: The Nation's Top Education</u> <u>Foundations</u>" has been released, where 188 foundations were reviewed in eight categories, including revenues, assets, expenses, investment income, and volunteer forces.

"We're honored to be considered among the top education foundations," Wendy Van, President of the Foundation for LPS, said of the recognition. "This is proof of how much our community values K-12 education, and we're glad we can continue to help schools throughout Lincoln."

Boyd Ober, Chair of the Board agrees "This ranking is only possible because of our great school system, a driven Foundation team, and our donors' commitment to education in Lincoln. Our board is proud to serve this need in our community."

Dr. Steve Joel, Superintendent of Schools congratulated the Foundation for all the positive influences "Our Foundation brings to the lives of our 41,000 students at Lincoln Public Schools. Thank you to President Wendy Van, her team members and the Foundation Board members. This is a well-earned, well-deserved honor. We are indeed fortunate to have a Foundation so highly committed to sharing our school district's beliefs that we can change lives, one student at a time."

This is the first year that the Foundation for LPS has been listed in the top 25 of the list. The Omaha Public Schools Foundation also appeared on the list, at no. 2.

For more information, please go to <u>www.foundationforlps.org</u>. To see the report, go to <u>https://marketbrief.edweek.org/marketplace-k-12/ranking-nations-best-local-education-foundations/</u>