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**MISSION STATEMENT**: Our mission at Linden Park Neighborhood Early Childhood Education Center is to empower children, families, and community. Our focus is to provide a high quality early education experience in a supportive and developmentally appropriate environment to create life-long learners.

**VISION STATEMENT**: Our vision is to inspire our students to embark upon their life journey to a future of endless possibilities.

Our groundbreaking center opened in October of 2016 with six Early Childhood Education classrooms. The center is a partnership between Columbus City Schools, the City of Columbus and our partner providers, Columbus Early Learning Centers and Child Development Council of Franklin County. These partnerships enable us to collaborate and share best practices to provide a high quality Pre-Kindergarten experience for more four year olds, ultimately ensuring our students are ready for success in Kindergarten.

By utilizing child directed exploration, developmentally sound early childhood education practices and play to prepare our young learners, we hope to equip our students and families to have a successful Kindergarten experience and a life-long love of learning as students and families of Columbus City Schools.

We are unique in many ways. Not only is our whole building designed for early childhood education, specifically pre-Kindergarten, but our twelve classrooms are comprised of a combination of six Columbus City Schools Early Childhood Education classrooms and two outside partner providers with three classrooms each in this same building. These Pre-Kindergarten classrooms are inclusion settings where our students with disabilities and their typically developing peers learn and grow along-side each other.

Our center is a kid friendly atmosphere where students have access to literacy, hands on creative learning materials like our Lego wall, giant magnet wall, and sensory play areas, in addition to access to technology (Chromebooks, iPads, SmartBoards). We have a variety of activities and monthly programs throughout the school year to enhance children's experiences and through additional partnerships we are able to have the Wiggle Jig program with Ballet Met, Local Matters food programming, Nationwide Children's Hospital clinician visits, PNC bank volunteers and many other community helpers to make our center an amazing first step in a family's education journey.

Linden Park Neighborhood Early Childhood Education Center adheres to our District's dress code.