



# TINDLEY

ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

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## **TINDLEY ACCELERATED SCHOOLS RECEIVES \$21,000 FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

INDIANAPOLIS, In. Tindley Accelerated Schools announces a \$21,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Health SNAP Education program. This program, offered through the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, teaches people how to grow and cook healthier meals at home. This funding will support the creation of a garden and greenhouse at Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School.

“We are thrilled to offer this agriscience greenhouse as an extension of our innovation lab at our high school. It will teach our scholars about growing their own food and healthy, sustainable food practices” said Dr. Brian Metcalf, Tindley Accelerated Schools’ CEO.

Over 77% of students at Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School receive free or reduced lunch and the school administration recognized the need for additional access to healthy food options. The fruits and vegetables grown in the garden will be provided to students during lunch and, for families in need, for weekend meals. The goal is to teach students how to grow their own healthier foods, which they in turn can teach their families.

Tindley is partnering with local community organizations like the Avondale YMCA and Purdue Cooperative Extension to provide summer programming and proven curriculum year-round. The Tindley high school serves almost 375 students, all of whom will benefit from the garden.

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### ***About Tindley Accelerated Schools***

*Founded in 2004, Tindley Accelerated Schools is a 501c3 public charter school network with three schools across the city and serves children from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Tindley Accelerated Schools is focused on giving students throughout the area a college preparatory education and providing an unapologetic approach to a rigorous learning environment. To learn more, please visit [www.tindley.org](http://www.tindley.org).*