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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEGREE OPPORTUNITY - GRANT FUNDED

Haywood County Schools Educators:

This message is to inform you of a special opportunity available to the strongest aspiring leaders in Haywood County. Our school district has been awarded a Tennessee Transformational Leadership Alliance (TTLA) grant in partnership with Lipscomb University. This is an exciting leadership development program for those who possess strong leadership qualities and aspire to be an educational school leader.

We are asking for the strongest aspiring leaders in our county to apply for this program. Candidates for this leaders fellowship will:

- earn a M.Ed. or Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from Lipscomb University.
- earn the administrative endorsement to their license.
- earn an instructional coaching certificate from Lipscomb University.
- receive mentoring and support from a school-based mentor leader each semester of the program.
- job shadow their mentor throughout the program.
- participate in meaningful, real-world leadership development focused on the College of Education's 31 Leadership Competencies.
- participate in three experiential learning days in urban, rural, and charter/independent settings.

All of this is delivered to candidates at NO COST! All of the program highlights mentioned above, and more, will cost the candidate nothing. The grant and a 10% district match from Haywood County Schools is funding this program. This is a tremendous opportunity for our aspiring leaders and I hope you will consider this exciting preparation program. **If you plan to apply for this opportunity, please email me, Yvette Blue, and copy your principal with your intentions no later than August 10th.** The essay questions and first steps are contained within the attached document.

This information and the application process is very TIME SENSITIVE; the DEADLINE to apply is August 16th. It is imperative that you move quickly to complete the application process. Space is very limited and Lipscomb University will move quickly to fill the 4-6 seats available for our county. **More detailed information about this program, including program specifics and eligibility requirements, can be found in the attachments.**

There are three main requirements that may immediately disqualify an individual from the program: 1. Applicants must be entering at least their fourth year this school year, 2. Since one of the program outcomes is a M.Ed. or Ed.S., applicants already with an Ed.S. or Ed.D. do not qualify, 3. Applicants cannot currently be in an administrative position.

It is our goal to recruit, grow, and retain Haywood County's next generation of great leaders! Thank you for your consideration of this program and best of luck! Feel free to email me directly with any questions.

Thank you!!

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