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### **For Immediate Release**

October 25, 2018

It is with deep sorrow that the NLCP family shares news of the passing of Coach Lewis Thorpe. Coach Thorpe died unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 24. He joined the North Lawndale College Prep Family in 2000 and immediately distinguished himself as a leader within our school community. The positive influence on the lives of staff and countless NLCP students and alumni will live on in our hearts and memories. Far more than a leader, teacher, and coach, Thorpe was a pillar and a father to our family. We grieve this heavy loss of our dear friend and colleague and will continue to abide with the Thorpe family in our prayers and thoughts.

Coach Thorpe made four consecutive state playoff appearances from 2006-2009, including winning the class 2A state championship in 2008. He led the NLCP team to a Chicago Public League City Championship in 2009. Coach Thorpe was named Chicago Public School League's Coach of the Year from 2016-2018 and the Illinois Basketball Coaching Association's Coach of the Year in 2008. We will continue to share information regarding memorial services and celebrations of his life and contributions to our school.

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