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It took nearly forty years from the Supreme Court decision in Brown vs. The Board of
Education until Fort Wayne Community Schools became fully integrated. Today, Fort
Wayne Community Schools (FWCS) serve as a model for an effective integrated school
system through the use of magnet schools and school busing. Public school
desegregation has been a key part of the history of race relations for the past generation.
But that history is a story of successes as well as failures. The visionary leadership of Ian
Rolland and funding from The Lincoln National Corporation played a critical role in
turning the battle for desegregation of FWCS into a major success.