



Lincoln Public Schools

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To: Paula Vaughn-MacKenzie, Director of Planning and Land Use
From: Becky McFall, Superintendent
Re: Lincoln School Enrollment
Date: October 25, 2021

The Lincoln Public Schools District welcomes the opportunity to accept additional students into our schools. As shown in the attached documents, the enrollment in the Lincoln School K-8 was in the low 700's in the years 2001 through 2004. Since then, we have seen a gradual decline in enrollment to our current enrollment of 524 students on October 1, 2021.

With the opening of the newly renovated Lincoln School, we are well positioned to accept additional students into our school. In the fall of 2022, when the Lincoln School will open its doors after a highly anticipated renovation and new construction project, it will serve students in Pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. As designed, the building can comfortably accommodate 730 students and could expand its use of spaces as necessary to accommodate 800 students.

Looking at the enrollment trend over the last twenty years and considering that the renovated school is intended to provide a 50 year solution, it was designed to accommodate expected enrollment growth in the coming decades. With a current enrollment of 558 students, including preschool, and a capacity of over 700 students, we are well positioned to accept many more students into the Lincoln School.

Our class sizes are small and we can more easily adjust staffing to match the declines in enrollment at the elementary level. However, in grades 6-8, our middle school model which consists of teams of teachers for each grade level is more difficult to adjust. There are good reasons for maintaining this model for the well-being of students which I will not expound on in this memo. As enrollment has declined, we have reduced some staffing and some teachers have needed to teach classes outside of their primary discipline or in multiple grade levels. We need to maintain or grow our enrollment in order to maintain the middle school model that creates a greater sense of community and connection for our students.

I am happy to answer any questions about enrollment in the Lincoln School as needed. Please see the attached enrollment documents for additional information.