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Executive Summary

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Lincoln Public Schools seeks to unite our communities in challenging and equipping our students to: acquire essential knowledge, think critically and independently, exhibit academic excellence, appreciate and respect diversity, demonstrate creativity, value reflection, work hard and play fair.

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I am pleased to present the Preliminary Budget Proposal for FY 2011 to the School Committee and Lincoln School community for review, discussion and consideration.

The Lincoln Public Schools continues to provide high-quality educational programming for the students in our charge. We begin to address the learning needs of our youngest students at the age of 2 years – 9 months when they enroll in the Lincoln Preschool. Over the course of the following years we seek to provide developmentally appropriate and academically challenging programs for all students. Our longstanding commitment to the METCO program and our continued operation of the schools at Hanscom Air Force Base serves to make our district unique in several ways; it diversifies our student population to provide broader experiences for our students, provides the scale for a small town like Lincoln to have a school district and provides the resources for curriculum initiatives, professional development and shared central offices costs.

The Lincoln Finance Committee's guideline of a minus 0.5% base budget from what was approved by the Town Meeting for FY 2010 requires a reduction in operating expenses. That reduction, along with the possible reduction of other revenues (state and federal grants and reimbursement programs) will make FY 2011 very challenging. The Preliminary Base Budget for Lincoln is \$9,234,319 and has a gap to the Finance Committee's guideline in the amount of \$230,135, without improvement initiatives. The Preferred Preliminary Budget, which includes improvement initiatives in \$9,650,969 and has a gap to the guideline in the amount of \$416,650.

The Hanscom School operating budget is funded through our contract with the Department of Defense and is essentially in balance. The funds allocated through the contract provide the necessary resources for the preferred budget in the amount of \$9,778,056 and allow for increases that might result for enrollment increases as a result of the housing privatization project.

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