



Lincoln Public Schools

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Friday, August 29, 2025

Dear Lincoln Public Schools Families,

Happy Friday! We have finished our first two days with students, and I wanted to express my appreciation to our building-based staff for all of their efforts to help make those first days run as smoothly as possible. When I was in buildings yesterday and today, I saw lots of smiling faces – I hope your children came home each day with happy stories of new friends and fun activities.

I will be sending out bi-weekly notes to families again this year, and I will use these notes as an opportunity to share district-wide information, and to occasionally share my thoughts on important topics. As we head into the Labor Day weekend, I wanted to highlight a few areas: the implementation of a new K-8 literacy curriculum, emergency operations planning, and ongoing roadwork in Lincoln.

New K-8 literacy curriculum

Last year the district [went through an extensive process](#) to pick a new K-8 literacy curriculum, EL Education. I will be sure to provide additional information over the course of the year (and, if you would like, please feel free to watch a presentation at next Thursday's School Committee meeting about the new curriculum), but especially for our new families, I wanted you to know that this will be a big focus of district-wide work. Implementing a new curriculum is a complex endeavor, and we know that the first year of implementation is always a learning process; however, we are very excited about how EL Education will help us provide high-quality learning experiences for students.

Emergency operations

Keeping students and staff safe is one of our most important responsibilities, and we take it very seriously. To that end we regularly engage in emergency operations planning, and we practice a variety of safety drills over the course of the year (both the Lincoln and Hanscom Schools had their first fire drills in the last two days).

We maintain an internal emergency operations plan and crisis guide, which we review and revise each year. Over the summer we met with school and district leadership, along with local police and fire chiefs, to go through our planning (Hanscom Base operations involve overlapping military emergency response protocols, and we work closely with Base

personnel as well to ensure coordination around emergency operations for the Hanscom School).

I am a big believer in planning and practice – working proactively with safety personnel, training staff, and practicing for emergency situations so that, God forbid a true emergency were to happen, we have learned behaviors to fall back on to maximize student and staff safety. We are also careful in the way we conduct these drills so that the drills themselves don't create stressors for our students. The goal is to empower our staff, students, and families to be and feel safe, while recognizing that we live in a world where emergencies can happen.

Ongoing roadwork in Lincoln

For our Lincoln School families, we anticipate that ongoing work on water mains on Lincoln and Bedford Roads will unfortunately continue to impact bus routes and lead to traffic delays. We are in close communication with the Town and our bus contractors (Doherty's, Eastern Transportation, and CASE Transportation), and we will work with them to be as proactive as possible about communicating any challenges to impacted families.

In some cases this may mean that our bus contractors will need to adjust their routes, which could lead to changed pick-up and drop-off times. The nature of the road work is such that different sections of the streets could be inaccessible on different weeks, so the changes to routes could vary from week to week. We also anticipate that parents who drive their children to school could experience detours that vary from week to week. I apologize to impacted families, and we will do our best to share information, but I would strongly recommend visiting the [Town of Lincoln Alert Center](#) and the [Lincoln Police Department Facebook page](#) for regular updates.

Thank you, and have a wonderful long weekend!

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Friday, August 23, 2024 4:00PM

Dear Lincoln Public Schools Families,

That fall chill has been in the air the last several mornings, which can only mean one thing – the start of the school year is almost here!

As the superintendent, I am so excited to see all of our students back in school next Thursday. As a parent, I am also personally excited for my own teenage son to head back to school – I'm ready for fewer video games, and a return to more structure and routine than the summer months offered.

You should have already received communication from the schools with detailed information about next week, but I wanted to reiterate some important dates and events, and I wanted to share links to our bus routes and the school year calendar:

- Kindergarten and Preschool visits on Wednesday, August 28th – Kindergarteners, Preschoolers, and their families will have an opportunity on the 28th to meet teachers and learn about the kindergarten and preschool programs. Times will vary by school.
- Meet and greets on Wednesday, August 28th – Students in first through 8th grade will have an opportunity to stop by the school, see their classroom(s), and say hello to their teachers. Times will vary by school.
- First day of school on Thursday, August 29th – All students will begin school on the 29th, beginning at 8:00 AM for K-8 students (Please note that the Preschool start and end times may vary). We will also have a full day of school on Friday, August 30th.
- Monday, September 2nd – Labor Day, no school.
- Wednesday, September 4th – First early release day, with school ending K-8 at 12:35 (Please note that the Preschool start and end times may vary).

Bus routes are [posted on the transportation page on our website](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page for individual bus route information). In addition, the full school year calendar, along with start and end times, [is available on our website](#). If you missed the email from your child's school with the specific timing for classroom visits on Wednesday next week, please feel free to reach out to the school's main office.

I hope you are able to enjoy the weekend – it looks to be beautiful – and I look forward to seeing everyone next week!

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