



# Lincoln Public Schools

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Dear Lincoln Public Schools Families,

It is a very windy Friday afternoon, but the weather does look to be trending in the right direction over the next week or so. We also have an extra hour of daylight to look forward to in the evenings starting next week (even if it comes at the loss of an hour of sleep on Sunday)!

For this week's message, I wanted to give you an update on the work happening around a new literacy curriculum for next year, and give a shout out to the many parent- and community-run organizations that support our students and families.

## Literacy curriculum review

Our literacy curriculum review committee has been hard at work selecting potential curricula to implement starting next year. Right before the February break, the committee identified three different potential curricula, and we are about to begin piloting those curricula in classrooms across the district. The three curricula are [Fishtank](#), [EL Education](#), and [CKLA/Amplify](#).

All three curricula come from the state's list of high-quality instructional materials, and were selected after careful reviews and presentations from different vendors. We have a significant number of teachers who will be participating in the pilots to make sure that all three curricula will be piloted at different grade spans. We also have special education teachers and English language teachers participating in the pilots. The pilots should be completed around the April vacation – at that point, the committee will collect feedback from the piloting teachers and look to make a final decision in May. We will then begin working on an implementation plan so that new literacy curricula will be in place for the fall of 2025.

Please look for information in the not-too-distant future about opportunities for parents and caregivers to learn about the different curricula. And I want to make sure I express my great appreciation for the review committee's work – they have done a tremendous job moving this process forward, and I am really excited about the opportunity to continue to improve the resources we have available for our work with students.

## Parent and community organizations

While I am in appreciation mode, I would like to take a moment to recognize some of the many parent- and community-run organizations that support our students and families. This

is by no means an exhaustive list, but each of these organizations has helped to add value to the educational experiences and opportunities we offer.

The [Lincoln PTO](#) is a regular supporter of the students at the Lincoln School, and their recent series of student movie nights (one of which is happening tonight!) are great opportunities for students and families to come together, and to take advantage of our wonderful Lincoln School facility. The [Lincoln School Foundation](#) provides grants to staff at both the Lincoln and Hanscom Schools, and has funded a number of high-impact grants in recent months.

The Hanscom Chapel recently sponsored a re-enactment of the story of the Four Chaplains, a production that [honors the sacrifices made by four chaplains](#) during World War II. The re-enactment took place at the Hanscom School, taking advantage of our other wonderful facility, and provided an opportunity for Hanscom students, families, staff, and community members to come together and recognize a story of bravery and selflessness. Finally, the [Lincoln250 planning committee](#) has been organizing a series of events for families and community members to mark the start of the American Revolution (and, next year, the signing of the Declaration of Independence), with culminating events this year on April 19th and June 14th.

Thank you to all of these groups for helping to support our schools and community, and have a wonderful weekend!

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