

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Lincoln School FY26 budget proposal comes within 2.5%

With tightened expense projections for FY26, School Committee approved a level-service budget for the Lincoln (PreK-8) School that represents less than a 2% increase from FY25. We also propose some significant improvement initiatives — including a major one-time investment in a new literacy curriculum — while keeping the \$13,871,111.12 request at the 2.5% increase FinCom guideline. About 90% of Lincoln's school revenue is from the Tax Levy and other General Funds. The rest is from grants, fees, rent and other sources. View full [budget book](http://www.lincnet.org) on www.lincnet.org

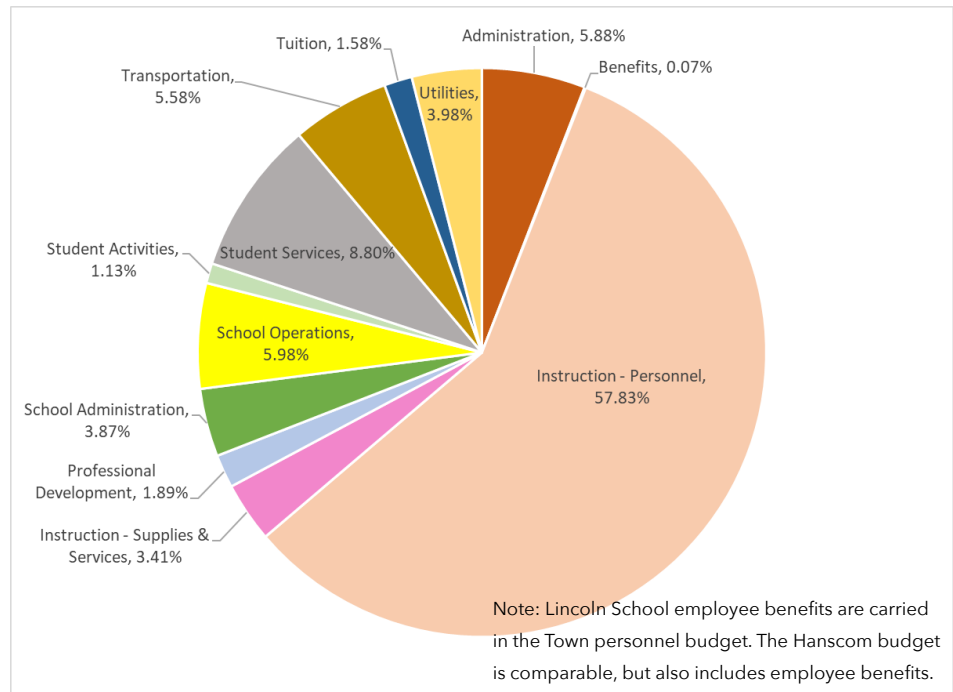
Where the money goes:

Classrooms pilot literacy curricula

LPS teachers this week began testing 3 finalist programs for a new literacy curriculum. With budget approval, the 18-member faculty review committee also will observe districts now using the programs and will hold a community feedback forum before its selection in late May.

Faculty enthusiasm is high according to Asst. Supt. Torrance Lewis. More than 24 teachers volunteered to pilot across all grade levels.

The aim is to align district-wide literacy instruction from kindergarten through 8th grade for the first time. Early readers also will continue to work with *Foundations* well-regarded phonics and grammar.



Hanscom Contract

Lincoln has operated the schools on Hanscom Air Force Base on behalf of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA and its predecessors) for over 60 years. The District's partnership with the federal government allows us to maintain the scale of the school district, and the current \$19-million/year contract includes half of the resources needed to maintain the District's central services. School Committee has authorized Superintendent Parry Graham to respond to DoDEA's anticipated request for proposals for a new five-year contract to begin July 1, 2025.



Trip to DC is Back!

The traditional 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC – halted by the pandemic in 2020 – has been revived this year, thanks to Lincoln Middle School Principal Jason Peledge. With faculty chaperones, students



will visit the Supreme Court, Congress, National Archives, the Smithsonian, Holocaust, and African American History museums, Arlington Cemetery and war memorials. The bus ride home includes Gettysburg Battlefield.

The visit aligns with the state's new 8th grade civics curriculum. Per School Committee policy, no student will be kept from the trip due to financial constraints, and 54 students – 90% of the class – have registered. \$10,000 from The Codman Trust along with LPTO and student fundraising will help defray the \$1052 per student cost.

Click [HERE](#) or scan QR code to contribute.



Cafeteria Compost Diverts Tons

In 10 months of 550 student lunches a day, Lincoln School has sent 31,320 lbs. of waste to Black Earth Compost. Students separate their compostable garbage with supervision from volunteer Emily Haslett of Mothers Out Front and occasional helpers. Student volunteer Lily McDonagh rolls the green compost bin to outdoor collection daily. Faculty Nicole McDonagh and Gwen Blumberg oversee the program. They also collect unopened food items and personally deliver them to local food pantries.

[Sign-up HERE to help](#) lunchtime volunteers.

Purple UP!



April is the national Month of the Military Child when wearing purple shows honor to all children – including our 500+ Hanscom School students – who support their parents' service. Celebrations at Hanscom AFB culminate in an all-family Pasta Dinner on April 30.

Lincoln School Committee

consists of five voting members who are elected to staggered 3-year terms. In addition, two non-voting members represent the Hanscom and Boston METCO communities. Its principle responsibilities are to 1) establish educational goals and policies, 2) review and approve budgets for the schools, and 3) select and evaluate the district superintendent. Current chair is Matina Madrick. Meetings are open, streamed on local TV and at www.lincnet.org. You may email the School Committee at schoolcomm@lincnet.org



Thanks to Kim Rajdev for her valued service on School Committee! Nominees for election to the two open seats are Abbey Salon and Kenneth Lepage.