

September 10, 2010

To: School Committee, Lincoln Public Schools  
Mickey Brandmeyer, Superintendent  
Sharon Hobbs, Principal 5-8

From: Jennifer Glass, on behalf of the Graduation Committee, Class of 2010

Re: Middle School Legacy Fund

The eighth grade Class of 2010 would like to offer the Lincoln Public Schools a donation of \$9,100\* for the creation of a Middle School Legacy Fund.

It has long been a tradition for the graduating eighth grade class to give a gift to the school. The Class of 2010 graduating committee decided to show its appreciation for the school by proposing the creation of a need-based scholarship fund to assist families with the costs of middle school field trips. Recent cuts to the PTA's "principals' discretionary fund," which has traditionally been used to provide scholarships, made parents concerned that less expensive alternatives to the current field trips would need to be considered, or that some students would not be able to participate. Thus the effort to create a Middle School Legacy Fund was begun.

Under the leadership of Linda Genovese, the class embarked on an ambitious fund-raising project to raise money to support both the student and family celebrations that are associated with graduation, and the seed money for the Legacy Fund. The project was the "300 Club" raffle. The goal was to sell 300 tickets for \$100 each, and the grand prize offered was \$10,000. Over 270 tickets were sold in a six week period of time, and enough money was raised to cover all the costs of the raffle and graduation celebrations, with a substantial amount left to establish the fund.

The vision for the Legacy Fund is that it will be used to provide financial assistance to those in need for the exciting field trips that are an integral part of the middle school experience, i.e. the Museum of Science sleepover, Sargent Camp, and Washington D.C. These field trips are important both from an educational and community building perspective, and should be available to all students, regardless of economic circumstances. It is the graduation committee's hope that the School Committee will accept this gift and work with the administration to create a policy for determining financial need. Thank you for all the opportunities you have provided to our children. We look forward to supporting your work through the Legacy Fund.

*\*This is an estimate, the exact amount will be confirmed by the September 16, 2010 School Committee meeting.*