



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MICHAEL F. BRANDMEYER
SUPERINTENDENT

June 13, 2012

To: School Committee
From: Mickey Brandmeyer
Re: 2012-2013 Enrollment Update: Lincoln Kindergarten

Earlier this year, during FY 13 budget development, we established the anticipated number of class sections for each grade at all of our schools. Since that time we have continued to track enrollment. Earlier this spring we added a section in grade 1 at Hanscom Primary School to maintain appropriate class sizes. All classes, with the exception of Kindergarten at the Lincoln School, continue to meet class size policy and/or federal contract requirements.

The enrollment in kindergarten continues to be the most challenging to project. We began the FY13 budget planning cycle projecting 45 kindergarten students to be divided into three (3) classes of 15 students each. This was based on Lincoln census information and anticipated METCO enrollments.

Since that time, the school has scheduled students for kindergarten screening, made decisions on retentions for several kindergarten students who will repeat their kindergarten experience, discovered students who were not listed on the census and welcomed new students moving to Lincoln. As of today we have held METCO enrollment at 7 students, the School Committee had approved up to 11 seats (9 at kindergarten and 2 at first grade).

As of June 11th we are projecting 57 students comprised from the following:

- 39 students registered who have provided proof of residency, are children of staff members approved by the School Committee or have enrolled through METCO
- 13 students who have registered but have not yet provided proof of residency but have scheduled screening appointments
- 1 student who has registered but has not provided proof of residency and has not scheduled a screening appointment
- 2 retentions
- 2 families who have contacted the school, indicating that they would be registering but have not yet done so

If all 57 students do matriculate the current three sections will average 19 students. This would be +1 to the preferred class size but -1 to the maximum class size.

I am requesting that the School Committee discuss the possibility of adding a kindergarten section, registering at least 1 additional METCO student to meet the School Committee policy of 2 students per class, with the possibility of registering the number necessary to maintain our statewide commitment of 91 seats and establishing classes that average between 15 and 16 students.

If the School Committee approves the FY12 Budget Closing Plan, sufficient funds exist to support a 4th section.

Alternately, I would ask that the School Committee maintain three class sections, freeze the METCO enrollment at 7 for kindergarten and continue to monitor enrollments during the summer.