## LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Lincoln School Committee<br>Rebecca McFall, Superintendent of Schools

From: Buckner Creel, Administrator for Business and Finance
Subject: FY14 Second Quarter Report

For Fiscal Year 2014, the Lincoln Public Schools received appropriations of \$10,044,597 for the Lincoln Campus. All financial obligations currently anticipated on the Lincoln Campus are expected to be met within the funds appropriated for FY14.

The Hanscom budget for FY14 was originally prepared based on a contract price for the 550-599 pupil enrollment band (Band 3), with a supplement from the Reserve Fund to provide funding at a level within Band 4. The School Committee approved the Hanscom budget allocation at $\$ 11,429,569$ to provide the funds for a staffing level to match the anticipated enrollment.

DODEA accepted the September $30^{\text {th }}$ enrollment report and confirmed the contract price for the 600-649 enrollment band (Band 4). This confirmation increased the contract price by $\$ 478,901$, to $\$ 11,738,143$. The Administration believes the funds currently allocated on the Hanscom Campus for FY14 are sufficient to meet the obligations currently anticipated. The additional receipts from the shift to Band 4 should be retained in the Hanscom Reserve to meet future needs.

Attached for your review is a report providing details of the current operating budget, year to date expenses and encumbrances as of January 7, 2014. At that date, approximately $40 \%$ of the school year and $50 \%$ of the fiscal year had elapsed. The report balances include payrolls through January 7, 2014, reflecting wages through December 27,2012 . Also included is a report showing key budget lines we currently track in greater detail. This report compares this year's "burn rate" with the comparable period from the last fiscal year for selected budget lines of special interest. Several comments on specific expense categories follow.

## Both Campuses

The expenditure of less than $50 \%$ of the general supplies and materials line is smaller than appropriate at this point in the year, and may signify that the schools have work to do to meet our target of completing the bulk of these purchases by the end of March. This situation is aggravated in this fiscal year because the School Committee approved prepurchases last June to accomplish certain specific purposes proposed by the Superintendent. When the appropriate budget accounts were adjusted to reflect the prepurchase program, some of those funds were added to budget lines aggregated in the General Supplies category, to be spent later in the year. As noted in the $1^{\text {st }}$ Quarter report, this causes the FY14 burn rate for the General Supplies category to reflect a
reduced percentage over the FY13 equivalent category in last year's Quarter. I will meet with the principals and Central Office administrators this month to verify that they can meet their program needs, with the available funds, within the plan dates, and will discuss their plans for the remainder of the year.

The Special Education out-of-district (OOD) tuitions on both campuses anticipated for the remainder of the current year are projected to remain within the current budget.

Maternity leaves and FMLA situations have increased the number of long-term substitutes required. We will continue to monitor the substitute lines and make adjustments as required.

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The "negative expense" in the telephone key budget line is an artifact of the E-Rate reimbursement timing. We typically receive a large payment from E-Rate providers during July and August, in amounts larger than the phone bills paid to date. As a reimbursement, these E-Rate amounts are applied against expenses, creating a "negative expense" to be offset by phone bills as the fiscal year progresses. The posting of the December telephone bills later in January should erase this credit.

The instructional assistant budget line shows that $102.2 \%$ of the budget is encumbered or expended. This results from an over-encumbrance of $\$ 4,320.70$ for an instructional assistant currently serving as a long-term substitute covering a maternity leave, and will be adjusted once the exact end date of the leave is known.

The long-term substitutes line shows that $81.9 \%$ of the budget has been expended at the end of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quarter. Two more maternity leaves are anticipated between now and the end of the school year; although the exact amounts required for their long-term substitutes will be developed in the next month, we expect an additional $\$ 20,000$ will be required for this budget category. The $3^{\text {rd }}$ Quarter report will show a clearer picture of the substitute accounts.

## Hanscom Campus

The Base Civil Engineer office has started billing us for utilities. The $\$ 1,167$ "negative expense" in the heating utilities line is caused by a credit adjustment on the July Hanscom utilities bill for an overcharge in June, 2013. The credit is anticipated to disappear once the January bill is posted.

Please contact me at 781-259-2623 or bcreel@lincnet.org should you have any questions about the enclosed information.

## Lincoln Campus

## FY 2014 OPERATING BUDGET -- STATUS REPORT 2nd Quarter

as of January 7, 2014


Notes

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| Budget line | FY13 Budget |  |  |  | FY14 Budget |  |  |  |
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|  | original <br> budget | revised <br> budget | $\begin{gathered} 2 \mathrm{Q} \$ \$ \\ \text { expended } \\ \text { cumulative } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \mathrm{Q} \% \\ \text { expended } \\ \text { cumulative } \end{gathered}$ | original <br> budget | revised <br> budget | $\begin{gathered} 2 \mathrm{Q} \$ \$ \\ \text { expended } \\ \text { cumulative } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \mathrm{Q} \% \\ \text { expended } \\ \text { cumulative } \end{gathered}$ |
| Lincoln Campus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Legal expenses | 18,750 | 18,750 | 297 | 1.6\% | 18,250 | 22,100 | 7,341 | 33.2\% |
| Substitutes (daily) | 65,000 | 65,000 | 22,677 | 34.9\% | 65,000 | 65,000 | 26,718 | 41.1\% |
| Substitutes (long-term) | 40,000 | 78,671 | 26,160 | 33.3\% | 40,000 | 43,539 | 35,667 | 81.9\% |
| Custodian overtime | 18,125 | 18,125 | 5,314 | 29.3\% | 18,125 | 17,924 | 5,225 | 29.2\% |
| Custodial services \& supplies | 39,789 | 39,789 | 21,443 | 53.9\% | 42,816 | 42,816 | 17,800 | 41.6\% |
| Utilities (heat) | 168,000 | 168,000 | 40,762 | 24.3\% | 186,000 | 168,000 | 41,771 | 24.9\% |
| Utilities (electricity) | 170,000 | 170,000 | 73,010 | 42.9\% | 198,000 | 198,000 | 69,485 | 35.1\% |
| Utilities (telephones) | 25,503 | 25,503 | $(1,709)$ | -6.7\% | 14,222 | 14,222 | $(3,156)$ | -22.2\% |
| Special Education OOD tuition | 238,504 | 238,504 | 85,082 | 35.7\% | 222,465 | 114,965 | 21,390 | 18.6\% |
| General Supplies, Materials and some Contracted Services (SBM \& new curriculum mat'ls) | 245,501 | 247,208 | 118,052 | 47.8\% | 229,435 | 265,676 | 106,420 | 40.1\% |
| Hanscom Campus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Legal expenses | 15,700 | 15,700 | 243 | 1.5\% | 15,700 | 18,850 | 6,006 | 31.9\% |
| Substitutes (daily) | 50,000 | 50,000 | 30,056 | 60.1\% | 50,000 | 50,000 | 29,119 | 58.2\% |
| Substitutes (long-term) | 50,000 | 50,000 | 526 | 1.1\% | 50,000 | 73,372 | 34,099 | 46.5\% |
| Custodian overtime | 16,240 | 15,240 | 3,598 | 23.6\% | 16,240 | 16,240 | 4,791 | 29.5\% |
| Custodial services \& supplies | 31,389 | 31,389 | 16,612 | 52.9\% | 34,550 | 31,389 | 16,612 | 52.9\% |
| Utilities (heat) | 18,000 | 18,000 | 210 | 1.2\% | 12,100 | 11,359 | $(1,167)$ | -10.3\% |
| Utilities (electricity) | 100,000 | 100,000 | 27,656 | 27.7\% | 105,000 | 105,000 | 29,188 | 27.8\% |
| Utilities (telephones) | 32,000 | 32,000 | 12,090 | 37.8\% | 24,000 | 24,743 | 11,627 | 47.0\% |
| Special Education OOD tuition | 159,908 | 157,108 | 59,188 | 37.7\% | 156,258 | 157,108 | 59,188 | 37.7\% |
| General Supplies, Materials and some Contracted Services (SBM \& new curriculum mat'ls) | 307,850 | 322,155 | 140,963 | 43.8\% | 286,658 | 314,117 | 118,624 | 37.8\% |

