



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: School Committee
From: Rebecca McFall
RE: Community Survey Proposal
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The Lincoln Public Schools are committed to continual growth and reflection. This comes through in our work with faculty in several ways. We provide a variety of opportunities for faculty to learn and grow by participating in outside workshops and conferences. In addition, we have a high expectation for collaboration. The Educator Evaluation process sets an expectation that all educators will identify goals by first conducting a self-assessment to identify appropriate areas of focus. This process, along with some informal data gathering, has led me to consider the need for a community survey.

In order to accurately and appropriately identify goals for the school district, I feel that we need to gather information from our constituents and the community at large about what we are doing well and ways that we can improve. As a starting place, I would like to have a conversation with the School Committee about the development of a community survey and the areas that the survey will address. On November 20th, I hope to provide a few sample surveys and/or questions to start our conversation about the content of the survey. In addition, we will need to discuss the development of the survey and who should be involved. Finally, we will need to consider the administration/dissemination of the survey.

I have created a preliminary list of possible categories for the survey questions:

- Academic Preparation
- Student Support
- Parent Engagement
- Safety and Behavior
- School Operations
- Communication

In each of these areas, we can include questions related to the building level, district level, and perhaps the School Committee. I look forward to the conversation.