

Lincoln Public Schools  
Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773

ITEM NO: 5. **Time Scheduled Appointments**  
5.1 **2015-2016 Enrollment Requests**

MEETING DATE: 04/16/2015

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:

Will the School Committee hear a report on the proposed 2015-2016 METCO and employee children enrollment?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Policy JFABC – Enrollment of METCO Students (enclosed) provides guidance on the process to enroll Boston resident students who participate in the METCO program.
2. Lincoln is authorized to enroll up to 91 students through the METCO program. Enrollment this year has been 86-89.
3. Policy JFAB – Admission of Non-Resident Students (enclosed) governs the enrollment of dependent children of employees of the Lincoln Public schools.
4. The Superintendent will provide recommendations to the School Committee based upon current enrollment projections for 2015-2016 and related policies.

<u>Preschool</u>	<u>Continued Enrollment</u>		<u>Initial Enrollment 2015-2016</u>	
Halle Burke	Adalyn Cassidy	Gr. K	Ben Barkin	Preschool
Nicholas Cloutier	Bridget Curry	Gr. K	Ella Burke	Preschool
Lillian Franck	**Lukas Janusis	Gr. K	Evelyn Franck	Preschool
Liberty Gold	Quinn Melcher	Gr. K	John Franck	Preschool
**Lukas Janusis	Charles Mitton	Gr. K	*Audrey Gammons	Preschool
Bennett Ludwig	Conor Clancy	Gr. 1	Zane Gold	Preschool
Timothy Paige	Norah Cassidy	Gr. 2	Teagan Whitt	Preschool
Mackenzie Portluck	Thomas Clarkin	Gr. 2	Olivia Williams	Preschool
Margaret Reynolds	Alexi Fishbone	Gr. 2	Hannah Webster	Gr. K
George Salis	*Paul Gammons	Gr. 2	Kailey Cullen	Gr. 3
	Liepa Janusis	Gr. 2	*Owen Carr	Gr. 5
	Brooke Mastrullo	Gr. 2	Sean Cullen	Gr. 5
	Bennett Mitton	Gr. 2	Yarden Shestopal	Gr. 6
	Ryan Williams	Gr. 2	Brendan Cullen	Gr. 7
	Andrew Sykes	Gr. 3	*Naomi Carr	Gr. 7
	Daniel Sykes	Gr. 3	Samirah Moody	Gr. 7
	Kaylene Clarkin	Gr. 4		
	Meghan Hobbs	Gr. 4		
	Mae Mastrullo	Gr. 4		
	Adelle Williams	Gr. 4		
	*Nolan Gammons	Gr. 5		
	Kaila Burke	Gr. 6		
	Moira Clancy	Gr. 6		
	Andrea DiBiase	Gr. 6		
	Berkley DiBiase	Gr. 6		
	Dillon Burke	Gr. 7		
	Madelyn Sheppard	Gr. 7		
	Ty Blumberg	Gr. 8		
	Bridget Hall	Gr. 8		
			<u>Totals</u>	
			**Preschool	18
			Gr. K	6
			Gr. 1	1
			Gr. 2	8
			Gr. 3	3
			Gr. 4	4
			Gr. 5	3
			Gr. 6	5
			Gr. 7	5
			Gr. 8	<u>2</u>
				55

Copies of actual written requests not included but are available upon request.

\*Parent is a teacher at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School

\*\*Grade TBD

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

That the School Committee VOTE to approve the enrollment of up to 91 METCO students and requests for the enrollment of the employee children at the Lincoln School beginning with the 2015-2016 school year subject to the continued employment of their parents as required by School Committee policy.

**AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:**

Rebecca McFall, Superintendent



# LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REBECCA E. MCFALL, ED.D.  
SUPERINTENDENT

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To: School Committee

From: Rebecca McFall, Steve McKenna, Sharon Hobbs, and Lateefah Franck

Date: April 10, 2015

Subject: Enrollment Proposal for the 2015-2016 School Year

This memo serves to inform the Lincoln School Committee of 2015-2016 enrollment projections for the Lincoln School in order to recommend enrollment of Boston students through the METCO program and to approve employee requests for enrollment of their children in the Lincoln School.

## **METCO Enrollment**

There are 7 eighth grade METCO students graduating from the Lincoln School in 2015. Our goals are to maintain an enrollment of 91 METCO students and to follow the policy of ensuring at least two METCO students per classroom. We have also set a priority on allowing students entry into the Lincoln School in the early grades to provide the greatest continuity of educational experience for students. Currently, there are 86 METCO students enrolled.

Anticipated transitions of eighth grade students and others could bring our total enrollment to 75 at the end of the 2014–2015 school year. We anticipate enrolling at least 12 new METCO students for the 2015-2016 school year.

METCO Director Lateefah Franck has gathered folders for potential students. Information on these students will be reviewed by the following administrators: Steve McKenna, Ginny Flaherty, and Sharon Hobbs. At this point, we are anticipating four kindergarten classrooms, but this could be reduced depending on final enrollment. We are proposing METCO enrollments for the 2015-2016 school year as follows: eight students in kindergarten and up to four students in grade one with the total number of METCO students not to exceed 91.

## **Enrollment of Employee's Children**

A copy of School Committee policy JFAB is enclosed. Students who enrolled prior to 2009 are grandfathered provided their parents remain eligible employees. Students enrolling in 2009 or after are approved on a year-to-year basis as long as their parents remain eligible employees and space is available. The district does not add sections to accommodate enrollment requests of eligible employees.

We have received requests for continued enrollment of 38 students. In addition, we have received requests for approval of 16 initial enrollments for a total of 54 employee children requests.

Requests for METCO and Enrollment of Employee's Children Grades K-8							
Grade	2015 – 2016 Projected Sections	2015 – 2016 Projected Enrollment as of 4/1/15	*Proposed New METCO Enrollments	Employee Requested Initial Enrollment	Projected 2015 – 2016 Total as of 4/1/15	Preferred Class Size	Projected Average Class Size
K	4	42	8	1	51	18/20	12.75/17**
1	4	65(8)	Up to 4	0	69	20/22	17.25
2	4	74(12)	0	0	74	21/23	18.5
3	4	71(13)	0	1	72	21/23	18
4	3	67(10)	0	0	67	22/24	22.33
5	3	60(5)	0	2	62	22/24	20.67
6	3	70(12)	0	1	71	24	23.67
7	3	67(10)	0	3	70	24	23.33
8	3	66(9)	0	0	66	24	22

\*Proposed K-3 METCO enrollments may vary, not to exceed a total of 91 students.

\*\*Three sections

( ) METCO students included in total

### Recommendations

Based upon current enrollment projections, the following recommendations are presented to the School Committee:

- Gr. K-5 Approve requests for METCO student and employee children enrollment.
- Gr. 6 New initial enrollment brings projected enrollment to 23.67; two move-ins would bring the average to 24.33. At this time, we do not know about move-outs.
- Gr. 7&8 Approve requests for employee children enrollment.



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## **ADMISSION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS (ENROLLMENT OF METCO STUDENTS)**

It is the intent of the Lincoln School Committee to offer students the benefits of a multicultural educational experience by contracting through the Department of Education, under the provisions of Chapter 71, Sections 37C & 37D of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to bring a limited number of minority students from Boston to the Lincoln campus.

### Number of Students to be Enrolled

Every attempt will be made to enroll at least two METCO students per classroom. The district will enroll a total of 91 students based on the current grant allocation from the Massachusetts Department of Education. In the event that the grant allocation changes, the School Committee may adjust the total number of METCO students. When it is clear that space is available under the School Committee's class size policy, both for the present year and future years as projected, the Superintendent may recommend for School Committee approval that the number of METCO students may be increased up to four per classroom. Consideration for accepting additional students will also include available funds and the desirable educational benefit for all students. Determination of space availability will be made by the Superintendent acknowledging predictable patterns of growth or decline of Lincoln students in various grades.

### Enrollment of Students

First priority will be given to students enrolled in the district during the previous school year. Unless State, local or private funding is not available, children admitted to the Lincoln schools will continue through graduation from the eighth grade.

Second priority will be given to entering Kindergarten students.

Third priority will be given to new students in Grades 1 through 8 to maintain the commitment of two per classroom.

Fourth priority will be given to new students in Grades 1 through 8 to achieve the number of up to four per classroom under the conditions described above. Enrollment recommendations by the Superintendent under this priority will be coordinated with recommendations made under policy JECB governing attendance of non-residents in Lincoln Schools.

Enrollment decisions will be made jointly by the METCO Director, the School Principal and the Director of Special Education.

If the Individual Education Plan (IEP) of a non-resident METCO student recommends placement in a program outside of the Lincoln Public Schools, the placement and funding remain the responsibility of the Boston Public Schools.

Replacement of Students

If students enrolled in Grades K through 8 transfer out of the district during the school year, an equal number of students may be admitted at the start of the following school year if space is available.

Necessity for School Committee Approval

Prior School Committee approval is always required for students entering at all grades

*Approved at School Committee Meeting of May 11, 1981  
Revised at School Committee Meeting of June 16, 1986  
Revised at School Committee Meeting of January 28, 1991  
Revised at School Committee Meeting of September 21, 1992  
Revised at School Committee Meeting of May 6, 2004*



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## ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

### Children of Employees

The Lincoln Public Schools provide a quality education to all of its students. It is a sign of confidence and support for our programs if non-resident employees of the Schools and the Town wish to enroll their children in our schools. The Lincoln School Committee wishes to show its appreciation of such employees by extending enrollment to their children on a space available basis. In addition, the Committee wishes to extend such privileges on a reciprocal basis to employees of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. This policy is also governed by MGL , c 76, § 12.

Therefore, dependent children of employees of: 1) the Lincoln Public Schools, 2) the Town of Lincoln, and 3) Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, may attend the Lincoln School or the tuition based Preschool on the Lincoln Campus upon approval of the Lincoln School Committee based on the following guidelines:

### Eligibility Requirements

For the purposes of this policy, eligible "employees" are full-time or regularly scheduled part-time employees working 25 (twenty-five) or more hours per week.

- A. A student whose parent leaves the employ of his/her qualified employer will no longer be eligible to be educated in the Lincoln School or Preschool. If the parent leaves the employ before March 15, the student must transfer out of district. If the parent leaves the employ after March 15, the students may continue to attend the Lincoln School or Preschool for the remainder of the school year.
- B. Eligibility is dependent upon the ability of the Lincoln Public Schools to meet the educational needs of the child(ren) within the normal academic program and student support services.

### Criteria for Enrollment

In consideration of both cost and space constraints, the School Committee reserves the right to limit the total number of employees' children to ensure the quality of education delivered to all the District's students.

Space availability will be determined by the actual enrollment in any grade or program at the time an employee requests to enroll their child in the Lincoln School or Preschool. The number of seats available will be established by the School Committee's Class-size Policy.

- A. Eligible dependents that, by their enrollment, would cause a given grade to exceed its target class size will be denied admission unless recommended by the Superintendent and approved by vote of the School Committee.

- B. First priority will be given to children of the members of the Lincoln Teachers Association. Remaining seats will be allocated to the children of employees of the Lincoln Public Schools, employees of the Town of Lincoln, and employees of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. If such requests exceed the number of available seats the remaining seats will be allotted based on a lottery of all eligible families in a given grade level.
- C. Once admitted, enrollment in the Lincoln School or Preschool will continue so long as the employee continues to meet all Eligibility Requirements and Criteria for Enrollment; however, if a student leaves the district, he/she will be subject to re-admission on the same basis as all other new applicants.

#### Enrollment Procedure

- A. Non-resident employees desiring to enroll a child(ren) in the Lincoln School or Preschool will submit a written request to the Superintendent of Schools. Requests for admission should be made by April 1 of the school year preceding the September in which enrollment is desired. The Superintendent may waive this date under extenuating circumstances.
- B. Based on the Criteria for Enrollment the Superintendent will recommend to the School Committee admission of eligible children.
- C. The School Committee will communicate its decision regarding enrollment by June 30, except under extenuating circumstances.
- D. The non-resident employee will be responsible for the transportation of his/her child(ren) to and from School.

*Adopted by the Lincoln School Committee on June 17, 1998  
Revised September 28, 1998  
Revised March 30, 2003  
Revised April 25, 2013*