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February 17, 2017

Mitchell D. Chester, Commissioner  
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
75 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148-5023

Dear Commissioner Chester,

Re: Withdrawal from School Choice

At its meeting on February 16, 2017, the Lincoln School Committee voted to withdraw from the Massachusetts School Choice program for the 2017-2018 school year for the following reasons:

1. potential financial loss because of the significant discrepancy between the reimbursement figure and or actual per pupil cost in Lincoln;
2. potential special education costs to the district;
3. a commitment to maintain small class size; and
4. classroom space constraints.

Should any additional information be required, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Rebecca McFall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent