



# LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Representative Thomas M. Stanley  
State House  
24 Beacon Street, Room 167  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Stanley,

I write on behalf of the Lincoln School Committee to urge you to continue your strong support for the full funding of the METCO program. The amount necessary for the full funding of this valuable program, \$23.8 million, is small in the context of the overall FY19 state budget but enormous in the positive impact it can have on the lives of the many families and communities in the program and on the education of the thousands of children who participate.

Lincoln was one of the original school districts to participate in the METCO program and has been steadfast in its commitment to providing an excellent education to the children who make the trip every school day from Boston to be a part of our community. And METCO continues to offer an important and valuable public educational alternative for families in Boston, for those who join our community and those in the other 30 districts that participate in the program. The state funding is crucial in helping us to live up to our commitment to those families.

We are, again, grateful for your support of this program and grateful for anything you can do to communicate to the House Ways and Means Committee that the funding of this program is a top priority.

Yours respectfully,

Timothy Christenfeld  
Chairperson