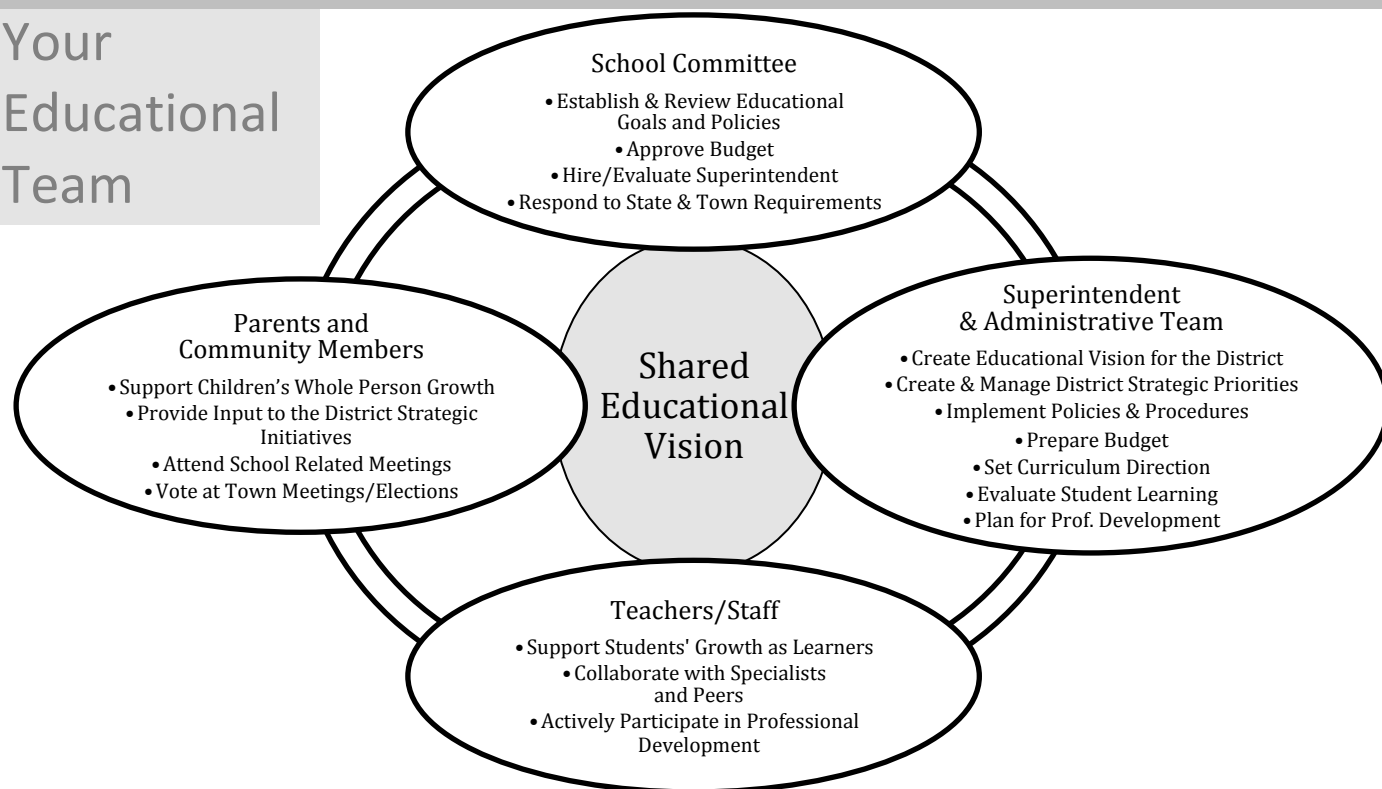


Your Educational Team



LPS School Committee – Who We Are

Twelve individuals representing the school communities including the District Administration who work together to uphold the vision and goals set forth for education in the Lincoln Public Schools.

Specifically, five voting members are elected by the town to establish and review the educational goals, priorities, and policies of the district, approve the budget to be brought forth at Town Meeting, hire and evaluate the Superintendent, and respond to state and town requirements for public schools.

Five Town-elected members serving staggered 3-year terms :

Tim Christenfeld, Chairperson
Peter Borden, Vice-Chairperson
Trintje Gnazzo*
Tara Mitchell
Al Schmertzler

Two members to help better represent the whole community (non-voting):

Simone Johnson, METCO Representative
Laurel Wironen, Hanscom Representative

LPS District Administration (Non-Voting):

Dr. Becky McFall, Superintendent
Dr. Jess Rose, Assistant Superintendent
Buck Creel, Administrator for Business and Finance
Mary Emmons, Administrator for Student Services
Robert Ford, Director of Technology

*Interim appointment through next town elections.

Who Can Best Answer My Questions???

Interested in volunteer opportunities in the school?

Wondering about how behavior is addressed in the classroom?

Want clarification on what topics/materials are being taught?

Curious about joining the School Council?

Almost always, the teacher or specialist is the first person to ask. Open, honest communication is best for all involved. Email or call the teacher to let them know of your question or concern and set up a time to meet in person or talk over the phone. The teacher sees your child the most and will be the best source of information on what is happening in the classroom.

If you still have questions, the next step would be to talk with the principal. They will have insight into the broader picture and may be able to provide some context. If your questions pertain to the district or you need additional clarification, after speaking to the principal, then you should contact a central office administrator or the superintendent.

For questions regarding school policies, budget priorities, or the overall health of the school district, the School Committee is ready to hear your ideas and questions. You can reach out individually, send the group an email, or attend a Public Meeting and share your comments.

LPS School Committee Represents You!

We are here to listen to your concerns and to advance Lincoln's educational priorities and vision. Because we are a town elected board, we must adhere to the Open Meeting Laws. This means that we cannot respond to social media or ListServes, we can only deliberate in a meeting that has been posted and is open to the public.

However, the Lincoln School Committee has been working on ways to better engage the school community. We would like to hear your ideas and we have created multiple opportunities for your input in addition to contacting an individual school committee member directly.

Public Meetings

- Every other Thursday Night at 7pm Hartwell Building
- Agenda is published four days in advance
- Open comment period at the beginning of every meeting provides a chance to inform the committee about a subject of interest or concern. Throughout the course of the meeting public comments can be made once recognized by the Chair

School Committee Forums

- Specific time set aside during a Public Meeting where the format allows for information sharing, idea gathering, and discussion
- Designed to allow for more public input and discussion (no deliberation or decisions will be voted on)
- This year's topics focus on opportunities for enhancement of the educational program:
 - Innovation (Date TBD)
 - Learning in the 21st Century (Date TBD)

Strategic Priorities Discussion

- Provide input on the District's Strategic Priorities
- PTO Forum – April 5, 2019

Lincoln Public Schools Vision

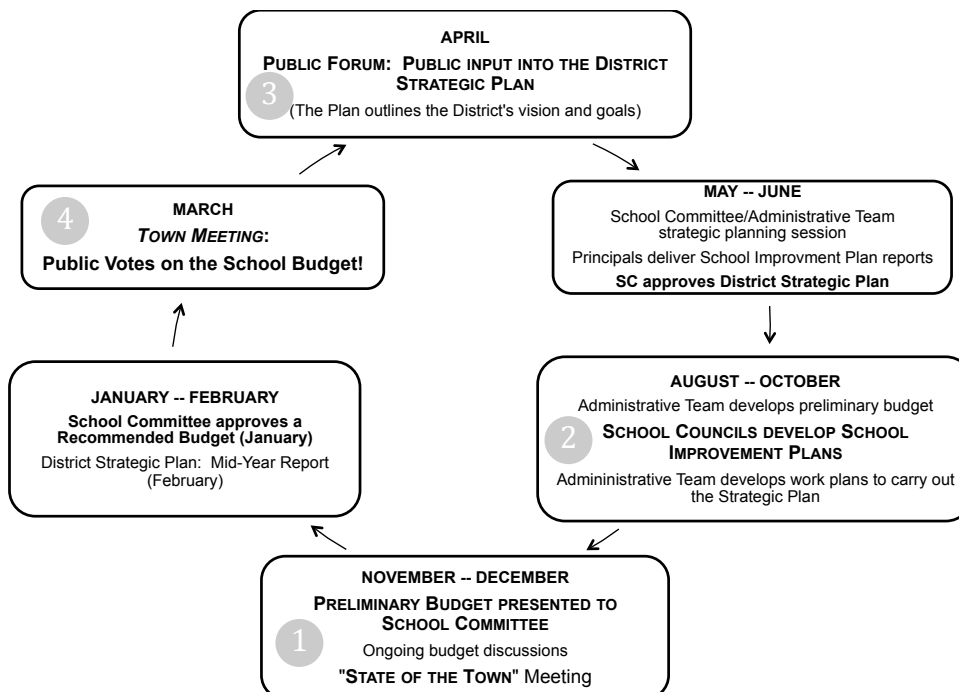
The Lincoln Public Schools seek to unite our communities in challenging and equipping our students to acquire essential skills and knowledge, think creatively and independently, exhibit academic excellence, appreciate and respect diversity, display creativity, value reflection, and demonstrate social and emotional competencies.

LPS School Committee Strategic Objectives

<p>Evolve & Activate the Strategic Plan: In partnership with the Administration, ensure that the Strategic Plan is a) sound, b) in line with community needs and expectations, c) in line with State and Federal regulations, d) in line with best practices – and that its activation is supported through our budget and policy decisions.</p>	<p>Budget & Policy: Budget: The budget is built to reflect and support the District Strategic Plan and to responsibly manage Town resources. Policy: School Committee policies provide a legal and philosophical framework for the operation of the Lincoln Public Schools.</p>	<p>Communication: Communication between the School Committee, families, and the broader community results in public participation, support of, and confidence in the Lincoln Public Schools.</p>	<p>Administration: The Committee is responsible for the public oversight of the District, the hiring and evaluation of the Superintendent, and for contract negotiations with all relevant bargaining units.</p>
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Plan, Prioritize, Budget, Implement, Repeat...how and when decisions are made

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN AND BUDGET CYCLES: The District's budget is developed in support of the District Strategic Plan. This chart illustrates the connection between the planning and budgeting processes.



How Can You Get Involved?

- 1 All School Committee meetings are open to the public and televised.
- 2 School Council Meetings are open to the public. Look for meeting dates and times in the Principal's Newsletters.
- 3 Attend the Strategic Plan Public Forum in April each year.
- 4 Go to State of the Town in the fall and Town Meeting in the spring.

This Year Only for the School Building Project:

Special Town Mtg: Dec. 1st
Special Town Vote: Dec. 3rd

What's Happening Inside Our Schools?

Administrators & Teachers focus on Strategic Priorities

- Emphasis on team-based collaborative practices, Facilitative Leadership and coaching
 - All built on a shared vision of effective teaching and practices, and equity for all students
- Curriculum Development of units that engage students, provide differentiation and student ownership of their learning experiences.
 - Specifically deepen instructional practices that lead to engagement and high-quality learning
- Develop the social and emotional competencies of all educators and students
 - Integrate equity, race and cultural proficiency across all other strategic priorities

For a complete list of District Strategic Priorities visit the Administration Page on www.lincnet.org

Key Resources

School Website:

<https://www.lincnet.org>

Policy Manual:

<https://www.lincnet.org/SchoolCommitteePage>

Superintendent's Office:

<https://www.lincnet.org/domain/7>

Curriculum and Instruction:

<https://www.lincnet.org/domain/8>

School Building Committee Website:

<https://www.lincnet.org>

Meeting Notifications:

Login to lincnet.org website and select "subscriptions". [Directions](#)

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