

Lincoln Public Schools

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To:School CommitteeFrom:Rebecca McFallRe:Update on FY21 Enrollment ProjectionsDate:May 8, 2020

Lincoln FY20 Enrollment as of June 19, 2019

Grade	FY21 Projected Enrollment	Currently Registered and Confirmed Students	Difference Projected vs. Current	FY21 Projected Sections	Current Required Sections (Avg.)
K	54	34		3	3
		25 unknown			
1	56	50	(6)	3	3 (16.66)
2	75	75	0	4	4 (18.75)
3	53	52	(1)	3	3 (17.33)
4	68	69	1	4	3 (23.00)*
5	47	50	3	3	3 (16.66)
6	59	60	1	3	3 (20.00)
7	55	59	4	3	3 (19.66)
8	45	47	2	3	3 (15.66)
Total	458	462	4	29	28
	(gr.1-8)	(gr. 1-8)			

*1 student over class size recommended guideline of 22 per section with three sections. Four sections are in the budget.

We are planning on three kindergarten sections in the Lincoln School. According to census and local preschool information, there are 25 age eligible students for kindergarten entrance this fall. If all 25 students enroll, we will be three students over the recommended class size. This is unlikely to occur. Given the uncertainty of school openings related to COVID-19 or what the structure of school will be when we open, I anticipate that many families may choose to delay registration into kindergarten for a year or may keep students home and enroll in directly into first grade in fall 2021. We will continue to reach out to families for whom we have contact information to gather information about registration plans.

Our grade 1 enrollment is six below our projection. We typically receive grade one enrollments for students who did not attend our kindergarten programs. This has not yet occurred for next year. Again, related to COVID-19 and our school closure, I don't think that families have made decisions about registering in-coming first grade students at this time.

In grades K-5 there are three known students who may enroll in private schools, two potential new students, and 11 potential new Boston students.

Our grade 6-8 enrollments are in line with our projections.

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Currently, Stop Movement orders remain in place for military personnel. This is making it challenging for us to anticipate enrollments for FY21. There are some exceptions to the orders that include; Key and Essential members, members moving for medical needs, and retirement dates are being honored. In addition, Coast Guard members are exempt from the Stop Movement order since they are not part of the Department of Defense.

This week, surveys were sent to all current Hanscom families to gather available information about anticipated enrollments and withdrawals for the start of the 2020 – 2021 school year. I hope to have information to report based on these surveys at our meeting on May 14th.