



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: School Committee

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Subject: Enrollment Proposal for the 2021-2022 School Year

This memo serves to inform the Lincoln School Committee of 2021-2022 enrollment projections for new Boston students to the Lincoln School through the METCO program and, to approve employee requests for enrollment of their children in the Lincoln School.

We are currently in the process of determining kindergarten enrollment for FY22 and the enrollment of new Boston resident students is underway.

METCO Enrollment

There are seven eighth grade Boston students graduating from the Lincoln School in 2021 bringing our enrollment to 77 students. We have reviewed our enrollment projections and space available and have requested files for students in grades K, 1, and 2. Our goals are to maintain an enrollment of 91 METCO students, the maximum our grant allows, and to follow the policy of ensuring at least two METCO students per classroom. We have also set a priority of allowing students entry into the Lincoln School in the early grades to provide the greatest continuity of educational experience for students.

The number of enrollment applications received by METCO Headquarters is much lower than in past years. It has been challenging for districts to receive the number of files requested. METCO Director, Marika Hamilton has done a great job working with METCO HQ to receive as many files as possible in a timely manner.

15 families were invited to the Lincoln Parent Information Session. The next step to move forward in the process is to sign up for an interview. We currently have 13 active files for students and their families who are going through the process. We have requested 3 additional kindergarten files. We hope to enroll 14 new students which would bring our enrollment of Boston resident students to our maximum allowed of 91 students.

We are currently planning for three kindergarten sections and the enrollment of up to eleven new Boston resident kindergarten students. In addition, we anticipate one or two new enrollments in grade 1 and one new enrollment in grade 2.

With 14 spaces available to get to 91 students, we are proposing METCO enrollments for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Eight to eleven students in kindergarten depending on the number of sections and class average and up to two first grade students and one second grade student 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 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 preschool enrollment of four students and one new student. In grades K-8, we have received requests for new enrollment of five students and 15 continuing students.

Recommendations

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

Preschool Approve requests for enrollment of five employee children in preschool, pending available space.

Gr. K-8 Approve requests for enrollment of up to 14 new Boston Resident students in grades K through 2 depending on class sections and class size.

Approve requests for enrollment of 20 employee children in grades K through 8.