

Superintendent Message - August 2026

Welcome new families, and welcome back to all returning families to school this week. As you may know, Dr. Amy Cole stepped down as Lincoln's Superintendent this summer. While Amy leaves big shoes to fill, I am genuinely delighted to serve the Lincoln School District as Interim Superintendent. Before coming to Lincoln, I was an Associate Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy at University of Vermont and Clemson University. I am also an experienced elementary educator, with specialization in place-based education, fine arts, outdoor education, and trauma informed leadership. I am a native Mainer, and I currently live in Bristol with my seven year old daughter. I am looking forward to meeting many of you in the upcoming weeks and months. Please say hi if you see me at the General Store or otherwise out and about.

For the past week, LCS staff have been working hard to set up classrooms and prepare for the new year. You may notice renovations throughout the building and grounds, including new stairs for the kindergarten room, updated entrance ramp and steps to the school, and renovated wooden floors, among other improvements. We are appreciative for the hard work of Facilities Director Rob King, who worked tirelessly this summer on much needed repairs and updates. LCS is a place of pride in Lincoln, and we are excited for you to see how beautiful it looks.

Vermonters often say a school is the heart of the community. Here at LCS, we are eagerly looking forward to the arrival of our students and families back to our hearts. Thank you to all of the staff, mentors, families, and community members who make our students feel a sense of belonging here. You are what makes Lincoln such a special community for all.

Please join us at the Welcome Back Ice Cream Social on Monday, August 24th, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at LCS. This event is open to *a//* Lincoln students!

With gratitude,

Daniella Sutherland, Interim Superintendent

2026/27 Bus Routes

Thank you to those who took the time to complete our annual transportation survey. We used the information to update routes. Route maps and approximate pick-up times for each bus stop can be found on our Transportation website:

<https://lincolnsd.org/transportation>.

Reminder: the first few weeks may require minor adjustments to the routes as Joe and Judy test them out. Please have your student(s) at their stop 10 minutes early during these initial weeks. If you need help with bus routes, please reach out to me at

Dsutherland@lincolnsd.org.

MAUSD Students & Bus Routes

MAUSD is hosting a half-day orientation for all rising 7th and 9th grade students on Tuesday, August 25. 8:00am – 11:45am. **We will provide transportation for Lincoln students attending orientation on Tuesday.**

LCS School Day Times – New Drop Off time

The school day at Lincoln Community School is 8AM - 3 PM.

- This year, students can be dropped off *no earlier than 7:45am*. Breakfast will be available at 7:45am. All students should be in class at 8:00AM for the start of the morning meeting.
- Afternoon pick up time is 3 PM on all school days. Please remain in your car. Do not park and get out, leaving your car unattended in the roundabout.
- Early Release days end at 11:45am. Our first early release day is Wednesday, October 7.

PLEASE drive slowly and carefully during pick-up and drop-off.

Spark After School Program at LCS - Registration is Open!

If you are interested in learning more or registering your child for the after-school program at LCS, please contact Maureen Rotax (mrotax@lincolnsd.org) and she will send you a registration form.

School Calendar

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 26th. A PDF of the full school calendar can be viewed and downloaded on our calendar page. You can also use the interactive calendar to see more events: <https://lincolnsd.org/calendar>

Key Dates

- August 24 - Welcome back family ice cream meet and greet at LCS, 5-6 PM.
- August 25 - MAUSD orientation for rising 7th and 9th grade students, 8:00-11:45 AM
- August 26 - First day of school
- September 4 *and* September 7 - Labor Day Holiday, No School
- September 21 – Yom Kippur, No School

- September 24 - Curriculum night, 5:30-6:30 PM (childcare provided)
- October 7 – Early Release