

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND LINCOLN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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The Lincoln School Committee and the Lincoln Teachers' Association are pleased to announce that they have reached a wage concession agreement that saves the District approximately \$677,000 and restores 16 teaching positions. These savings are in addition to the previous concessions made by the Lincoln Teachers' Association in 2008. The total concessions exceeded \$2.3 million over the past three years. The most recent concessions were necessary as a result of a reduction in both Town and State aid to education that forced the School Committee to consider significant programming and teaching reductions.

Working collaboratively and in good faith the School Committee and the Lincoln Teachers' Association reached this agreement, enabling the School Committee to restore programs and reduce projected class sizes. The Lincoln School Committee and the Lincoln Teachers' Association have once again proven that a positive labor management relationship is essential in working together to solve problems in these very difficult economic times. Both the Lincoln School Committee and the Lincoln Teachers' Association are committed to a relationship based on trust, fairness and a strong commitment and dedication to our students and our community. The Lincoln School Committee and the Lincoln Teachers' Association overcame a myriad of economic challenges, through collaboration and consensus, so that the students and the community will continue to enjoy the excellent educational programs that the School Department has always provided.

Both parties look forward to the coming school year with renewed enthusiasm and commitment.