

DRAFT: SchCom statement on housing
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The Lincoln School Committee wishes to make clear to the community that development of affordable family housing in Lincoln will not burden our schools. In fact, just the opposite is true. We welcome more students.

- We have spaces open in our classrooms. Enrollment has been decreasing and is expected to continue to decrease in communities like ours, because of aging populations, declining birth rates and the high cost of suburban housing.
- Optimizing enrollment and increasing the diversity of students supports our best educational models. Grade-level middle school teams of subject-specialized teachers need an adequate cohort of students. Greater diversity in every classroom broadens all children's educational experience.
- Lincoln's high housing costs are a drawback for hiring. Providing a greater variety of housing options will give the schools — and all town agencies — greater advantage in attracting faculty and staff.