
ICE Activity & Local Government

Town of Lincoln
Information Session
for Residents



The Role of Town Government

The Town of Lincoln supports the Massachusetts Attorney General's guidelines.

We support efforts to educate and inform residents and to support their rights.

The community is committed to respect for human dignity, the rule of law, and due process.

Visit the Town of Lincoln home page at www.lincolntown.org.

Once on the website, click on this image for links to resources and the Attorney General's guidance.



**Immigration Enforcement
Know Your Rights**

Please read on for FAQ's.

[Additional Info...](#)

Lincoln's Vision Statement

- Lincoln is a town that cherishes its rural, agricultural character, its small-town heritage, its open space, and its historical legacy. The Town is committed to:
- Achieving a balance between preserving these values while making reasonable provision for citizens' safety and convenience;
- Fostering economic, racial/ethnic, and age diversity among its citizenry through its educational, housing and other public policy;
- Excellence in its public educational system; and
- The Town Meeting form of government and the traditions of civic leadership and volunteer public service.

Welcoming & Safe Town Resolution

March 20, 2018, Annual Town Meeting

- **Moved:** That the Town vote to adopt a resolution declaring Lincoln to be a Welcoming, Safe Town which resolves to make all residents, workers and visitors feel safe and secure regardless of immigration status.
- **Whereas:** Lincoln's Vision Statement states our goals of fostering economic, racial/ethnic and age diversity among our citizenry through educational, housing and other public policies.
- **Whereas:** The people of the Town of Lincoln have been involved in important moral and humanitarian issues for hundreds of years – including anti-slavery work in the 1830's, women's right to vote 40 years before passage of the 19th Amendment, and Sanctuary for Vietnam War draft resisters and Central American refugees fleeing wars and violence.
- **Whereas:** In 2018, when discrimination and harassment based on race, color, religion and national origin continues, and is abetted by the federal government, we must: reaffirm our commitment to respect each person's dignity; lawfully decline to become agents who enforce federal immigration law; help people in our town feel safe and able to call upon us in times of need; and honor and comply with the decisions of our Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Town Resolution (Continued)

- **Therefore**, be it resolved that:
 - We, the people of Lincoln affirm and support the policies adopted by the Board of Selectmen and the Lincoln Police to abide by the SJC's July 24, 2017 decision in *Lunn v. Commonwealth*, which declared that "Massachusetts law provides no authority for Massachusetts court officers to arrest and hold an individual solely on the basis of a Federal civil immigration detainer, beyond the time that the individual would otherwise be entitled to be released from State custody";
 - We, the people of Lincoln declare Lincoln to be a Welcoming, Safe Town, and we all shall work to make all residents, workers and visitors feel safe and secure regardless of immigration status;
 - This Resolution is consistent with the Town of Lincoln's obligations under state and federal law, including 8 U.S.C. §§1373 and 1644. This Resolution shall be interpreted as to not violate any requirements of state or federal law, including 8 U.S.C. §§1373 and 1644; and
 - We, the people of Lincoln request the Board of Selectmen to endorse S. 1305 or comparable legislation, the Massachusetts Safe Communities Act, and to send copies of this Resolution to Governor Baker, State Senators Michael Barrett and Jamie Eldridge, Acting Senate President Harriette Chandler, State Representative Thomas Stanley, and Speaker of the House, Tom DeLeo.

The Role of the Lincoln Police

- The MA Supreme Judicial Court's 2017 **Lunn decision** determined MA police officers cannot legally hold someone solely because ICE has issued a civil detainer.
- Lincoln Police have no obligation to assist ICE agents
 - No voluntary assistance unless agents are enforcing a criminal arrest warrant (signed by a judge).
- Police may support public safety, if needed.
- Lincoln police are trained in de-escalation tactics and are dedicated to supporting public safety and protecting citizens' rights.



The Role of Public Schools

All children have the right to a free public education.

- Schools **may not** ask for immigration status or documents.

Schools must protect student information.

- Federal Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

The district has internal procedures for interacting with law enforcement officials.

More information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/guidance-regarding-k-12-schools-obligations-to-protect-students-and-their-information>

Your rights if you see ICE arresting or detaining someone



SEE ICE?

**CALL THE
LUCE HOTLINE**

(617) 370-5023



What do we do?

Verify ICE sightings
Support you in exercising
your rights

Share verified
information to protect
the community

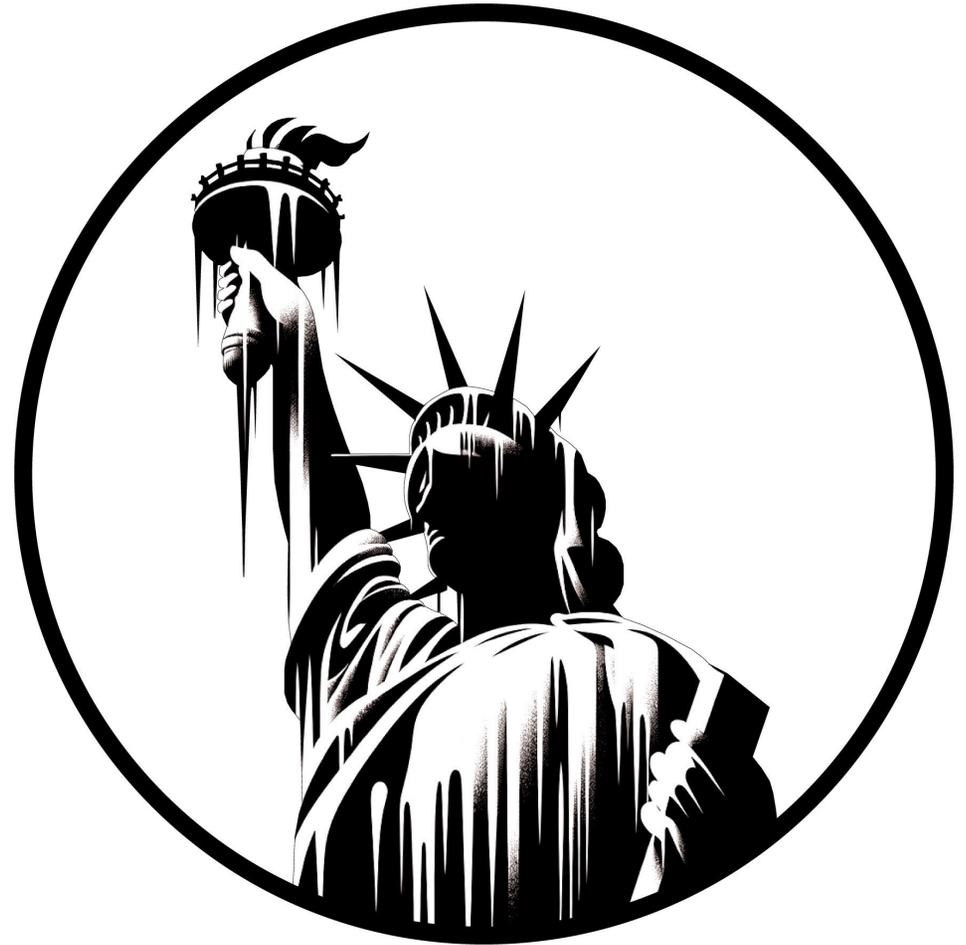
www.lucemass.org



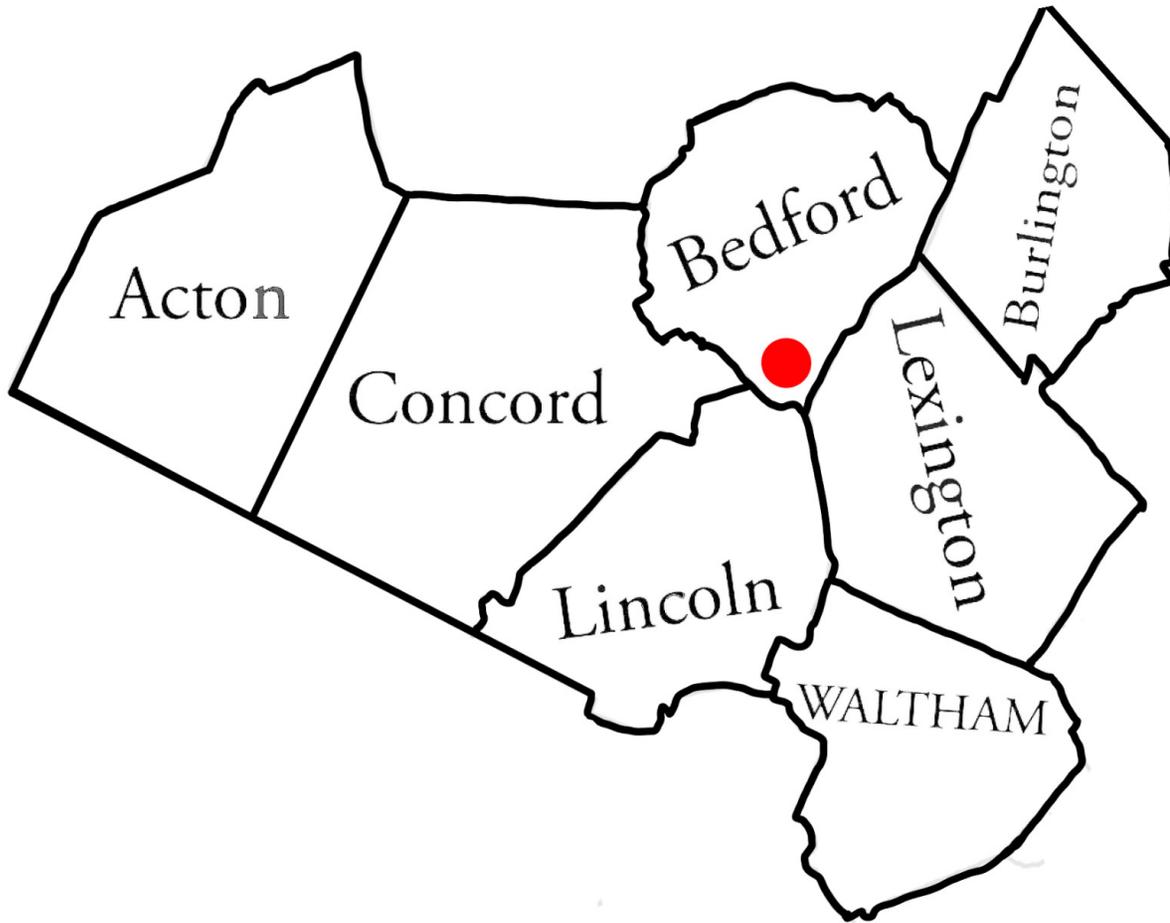
LUCE MASSACHUSETTS ICE WATCH

- Maintain a reasonable distance from the encounter.
- You have the Constitutional right to observe ICE agents and to take notes and/or video record the encounter.
- You have the right to remain silent.
- You have the right to refuse ICE agents entry into your home without a judicial warrant.
- Contact the LUCE hotline and they will dispatch trained volunteers to attempt to verify the situation.

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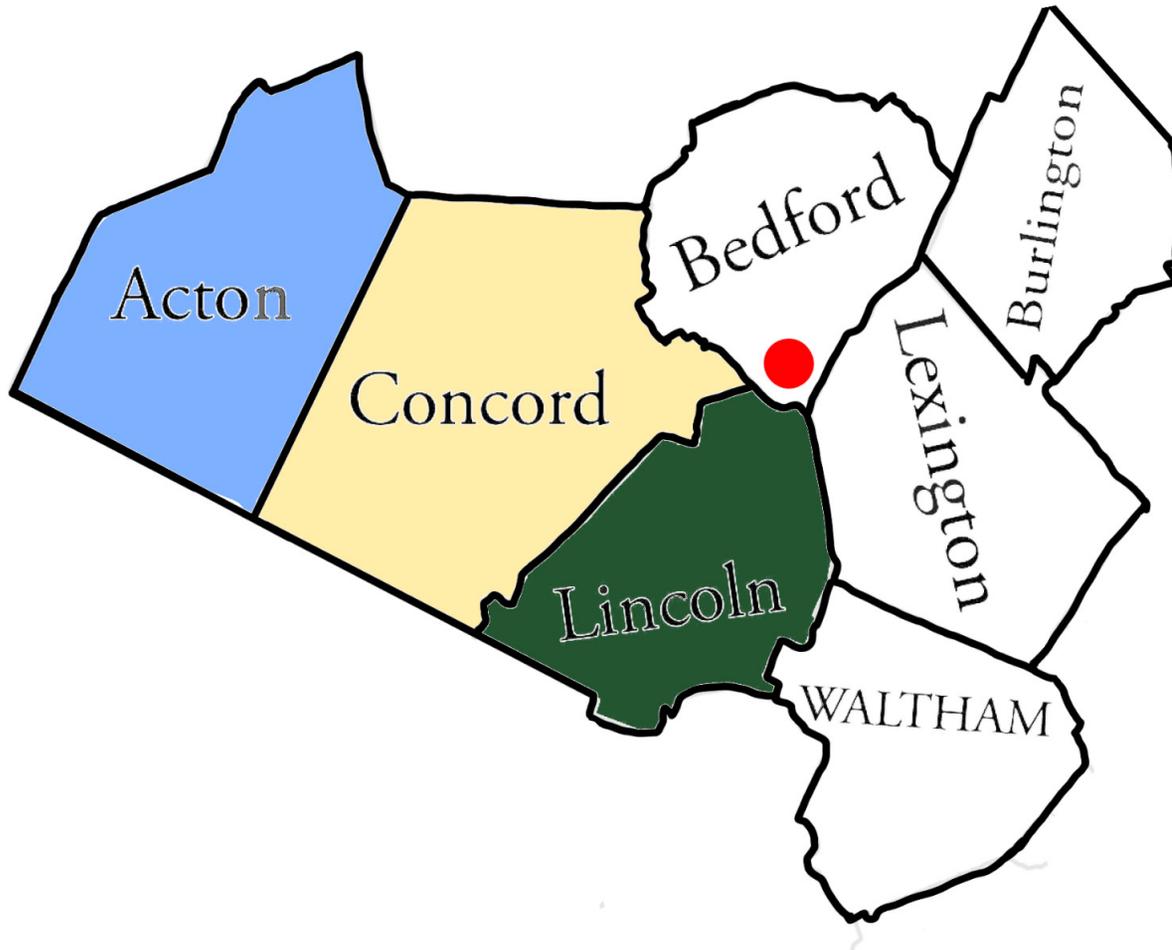


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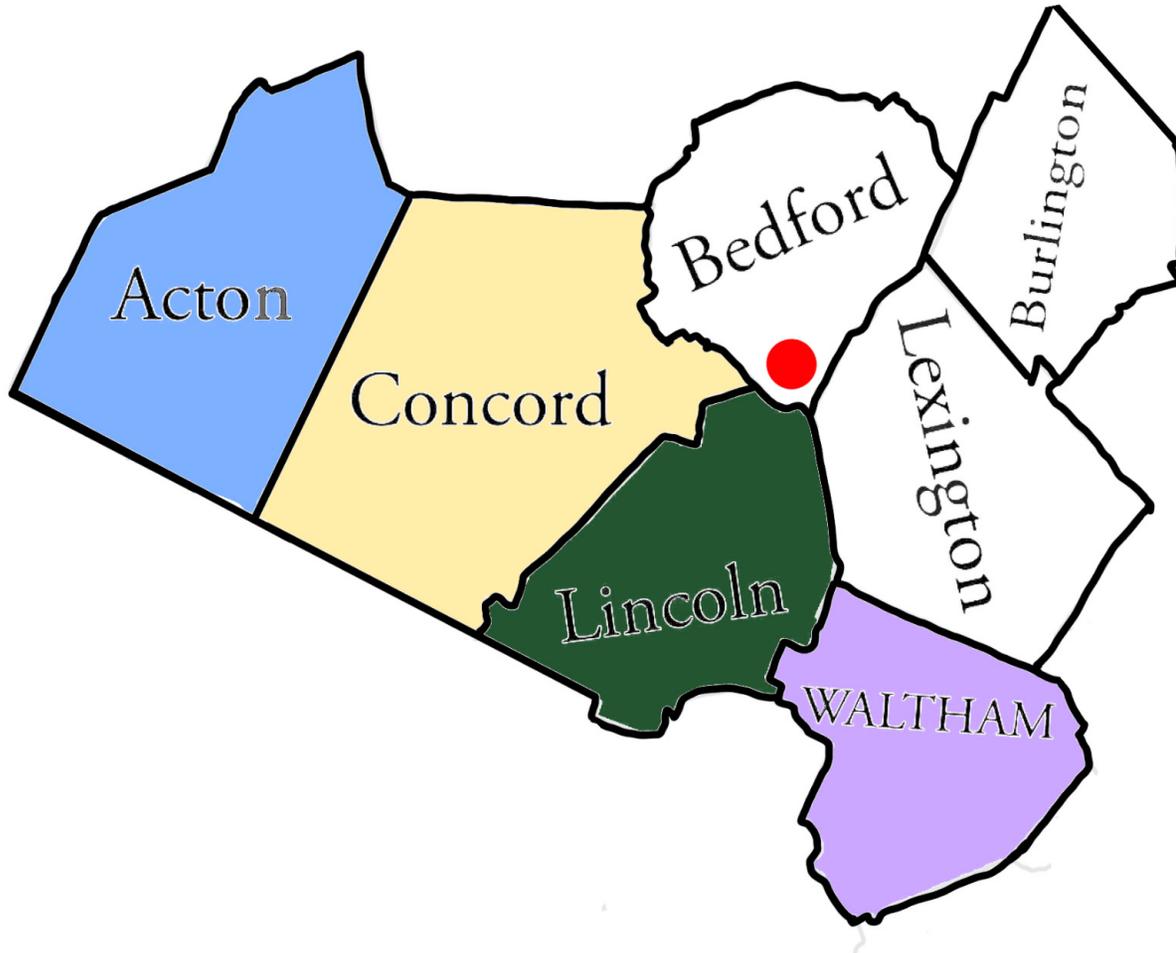
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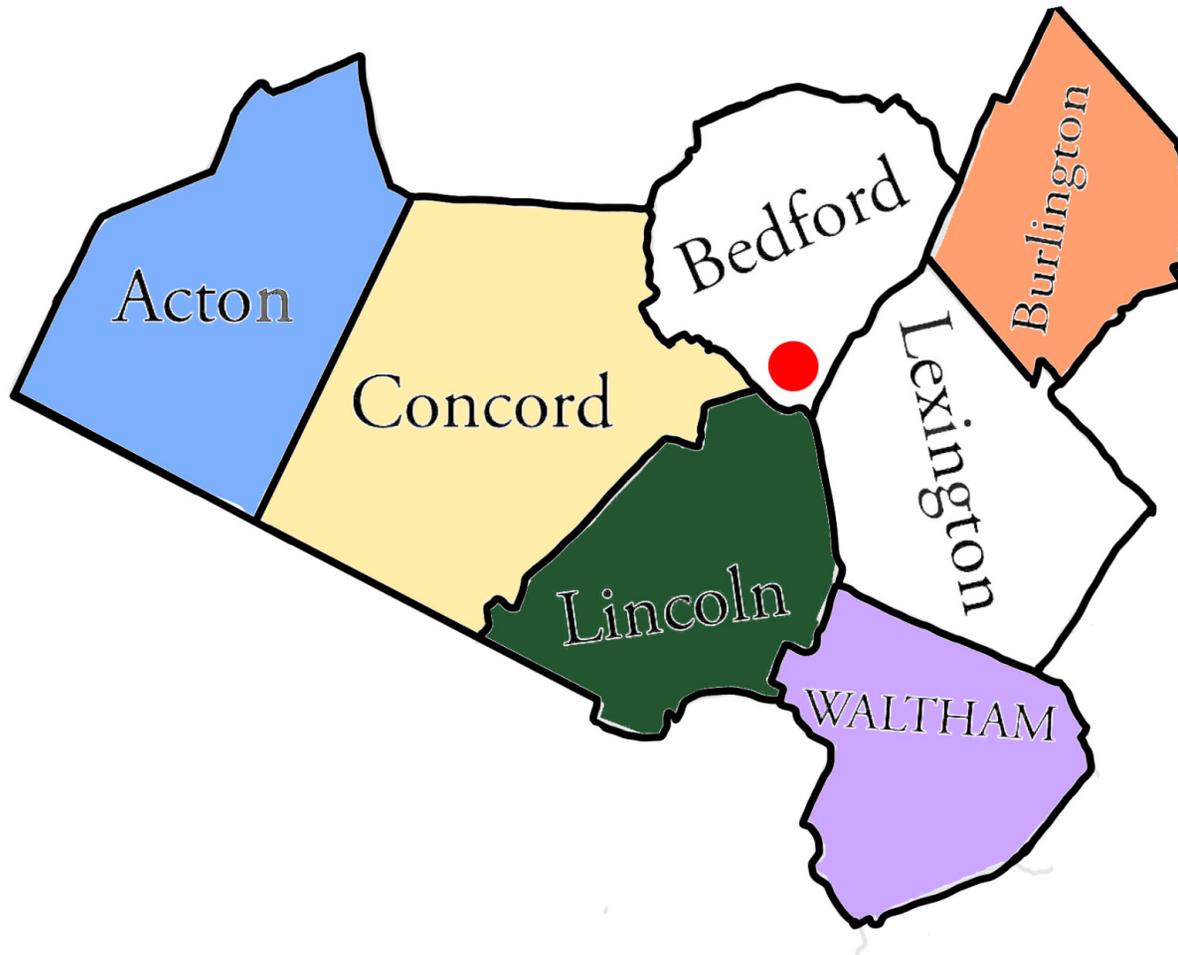


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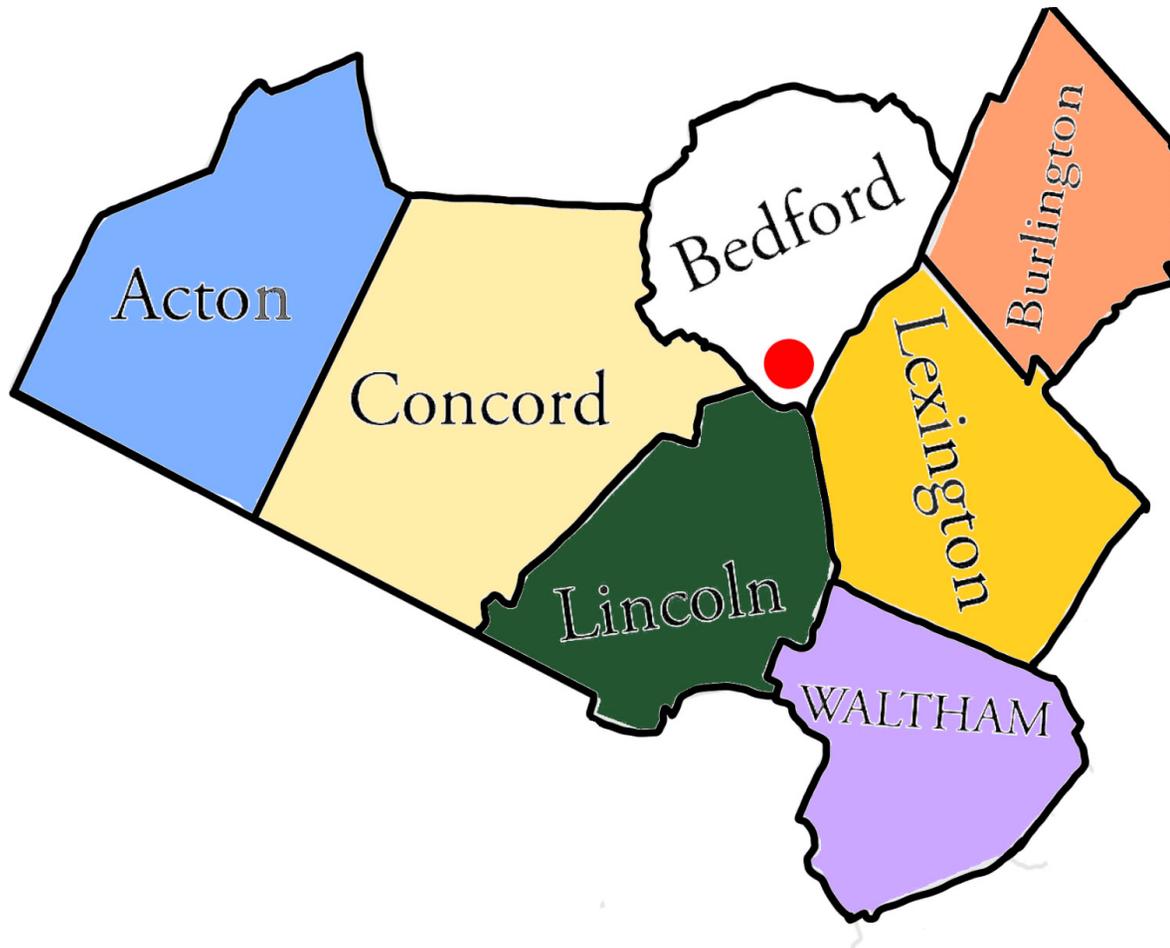
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Fall: Lexington: Students on a school bus watchd the first ICE arrests in town unfold.

Lincoln Witness (<https://lincolnwitness.org>)

A Lincoln-based volunteer group that advocates for human and civil rights in the face of a fast-moving immigration crackdown.

EDUCATING OURSELVES
AND OTHERS:



ADVOCACY

SUPPORT FOR THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY