

To: School Committee Members
From: Becky McFall, Superintendent
RE: October Enrollment Update
Date: 10/6/21

October 1st of each year marks the official reporting date of students enrolled in Massachusetts schools. In addition, the last school day in September of each year marks the official reporting date for students enrolled in the Hanscom Schools to be reported to the Department of Educational Activity (DoDEA) per our contract with the department of defense.

Several documents are included with this memo:

- October 1, 2021 Enrollment – Lincoln Public Schools
- Lincoln School K – 8 Enrollment (longitudinal)
- Homeschool Update
- Hanscom Enrollment Summary 9-30-2021

October 1, 2021 Enrollment

Lincoln FY22 Projected Enrollment vs Actual Enrollment

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Projected	52 (3)	49 (3)	51 (3)	74 (4)	52 (3)	59 (3)	46 (3)	57 (3)	58 (3)	498
Actual	51(4)	57 (3)	56 (3)	74 (4)	53 (3)	61 (3)	51 (3)	56 (3)	63(3)	522

Class Sections ()

- More METCO enrollments were expected in grades K-2 but especially K. Very few kindergarten applications were available.
- The CASE program that was housed in the Lincoln School is not in the school this year. We expect to have a CASE program in the Lincoln School again next year.
- The Oct. 1 enrollment sheet shows 4 sections in grades 6-8. These are the advisory classes. In reality, for each subject area, there are three class sections at each grade level.
- One middle school retirement at the end of the FY21 school year was not filled. A part-time social studies teacher's FTE was increased by .2 FTE and two English teachers are each teaching a section of social studies in addition to their three sections of English Language Arts.
- We have a decrease in our METCO enrollment of six students over the past year.
- We have 10 students being homeschooled. This is a large reduction compared to the 22 homeschooled students in FY21 but it is still higher than in pre-COVID years.
- If you consider the reduction of seven CASE students, six Boston students and approximately 5 homeschool students in a typical year, our enrollment would be 540 or higher which would be more in line with FY18 or 19 enrollment.

Hanscom FY22 Projected Enrollment vs Actual Enrollment

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Projected	55 (4)	60 (4)	66 (4)	67 (4)	56 (3)	46 (3)	44 (3)	47 (3)	50 (2)	491
Actual	56 (4)	56 (4)	62 (4)	55 (3)	62 (3)	44 (3)	38 (3)	46 (3)	40 (3)	459

Class Sections ()

- This year we do have a CASE preschool program at Hanscom. This program was being moved from Bedford, potentially to Acton. However, most of the students are Hanscom students and so we offered a classroom space at Hanscom to allow our students to attend their neighborhood school and not have to travel to Acton.

- We have several class sections of that are very small. We have not seen the level of move-ins that we expected. However, there is still a sense that more students will be coming throughout the school year. Therefore, we felt it prudent to maintain our class sections to maintain space for incoming students.
- For our younger students, the transition back to full day school has been challenging. The number of behavior support team calls is significantly higher than in recent years. **Behavior Support Team Calls**, by this time in the school year in grade K-3.

Year	Number of Calls
2019	9
2020	2
2021	66

The 66 calls are for 11 students. One student has needed support 17 times. The amount of time required to get students back on track varies. The 66 calls added up to 25.5 staff hours of support which is nearly a week of time.

Given the needs of the students, we are feeling fortunate that our class sizes are smaller in kindergarten and first grade.

- At Hanscom we have 45 students being homeschooled. This is an increase over last year and almost double the number of homeschooled students in pre-COVID years. If these 45 students attended our school, our enrollment would be greater than our projected enrollment.