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Randy's Ramblings...

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The Road Ahead...

Hopefully you've heard about the exciting new changes that will be taking place at Lincoln Elementary for the 2008-2009 school year. Lincoln will become the only elementary technology magnet school throughout the United States. Likewise, a wing at the new Central Middle School has been designated for the middle school component. Truly this is exciting news. Our community, our school corporation and our neighborhood will be in the spotlight for advanced—and innovative—educational practices.

However, with change comes fear. There will most likely be some new staff and perhaps a name change at Lincoln. Not all of our Lincoln-Central Neighborhood children will be able to take advantage of this opportunity, nor will anyone be forced to participate. Yet, fear is there. LCNFC feels it too. How will our role change? There are many issues yet to be decided. It's important that we trust the powers to be, those who are responsible for implementing these exciting changes. However, the fact that our neighborhood will play an integral role in the development and implementation of the "new" Lincoln overrides the fear and anxiety that we feel here at LCNFC.

There have been several meetings where school administrators were met with stern faces and many questions... but, upon conclusion, everyone appeared to feel better about where we are headed as a neighborhood. Yes, we will have a new "home school" district. BUT—BCSC is holding a rather large number of spaces JUST FOR OUR KIDS from the Lincoln-Central Neighborhood!!! No other group will have that advantage. Many of our families can choose to have Lincoln remain as their school—while other families will have the opportunity to experience the excitement of a different school and new friends.

Needless to say, we are in this together. The LCNFC is here for you. BCSC will answer all of your questions and concerns. Many have called and visited us sharing fears and optimism for the future of our children. Learning is a life-long process... the youth of our neighborhood are going to be part of something very special—and even if they don't attend the tech school every day—it's still in their back yard. The Country will be watching. We can show them how truly special this neighborhood—and our families—are.

Please feel free to contact us if you have more questions, want some support or help through the process that lies ahead. United—we are in this together and it's going to be a great ride!

~ Randy Allman

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