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...Stories in getting involved: Join us!

Parents are an essential part of this conversation and we encourage families to take advantage of opportunities available, including:

- Establish contact with your child's teacher and principal.
- Attend and participate in any and all school events such as curriculum nights, conferences and other school-specific activities.
- Access the school and district websites at www.lps.org.
- Reach out to your elected Board of Education representative.

Community members can also participate:

- Mentor a student, contact TeamMates at 402-436-1990.
- Enrich our students, contact the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools at 402-436-1612.
- Volunteer in our schools, go to <https://wapp.lps.org/gold/volunteer/volunteer.cfm>
- Reach out to neighborhood schools and get involved.
- Have your voice heard, attend a meeting of the Board of Education: Second and fourth Tuesdays, 6 p.m., LPS District Office, 5905 O St.
- Become involved with a Community Learning Center, go to <http://lps.org/clc/>



Something is very interesting at Brownell Elementary

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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On the cover: Time out for a picture at Holmes Elementary

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LPS WOULD LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK!
Please take a few minutes and give us your thoughts at:
<http://lps.org/survey>

2013-14 Annual Report Lincoln Public Schools

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All smiles at Holmes Elementary

This annual report is required by law for school districts to report student performance results and financial information to stakeholders.

2013-14 Annual Report

Lincoln Public Schools January, 2015



Providing a future for our students
39,066 important stories...

Quick Takes at LPS

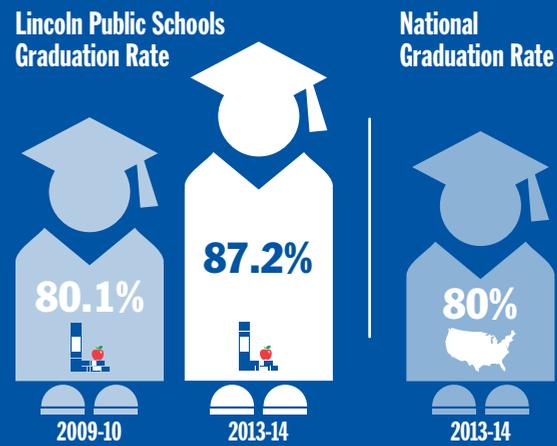
- Graduation rate record: 87.2 percent (9 percent increase in five years)
- Rocketing student enrollment: 39,066 students and growing (1,200 more this year)
- Proud achievement in state accountability: Steady improvement, above-state-average numbers in most grades and subject areas
- Community backing: \$153 million bond issue passes by overwhelming 68 percent approval
- Tax levy rate: Lowest in 40 years
- Value in diversity: Our students come from many cultures and backgrounds
- Excellent facilities: Serves students at 38 elementary schools, 11 middle schools, six high schools and five high school focus programs
- Community Employees: More than 8,000 employees

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...Stories in achievement

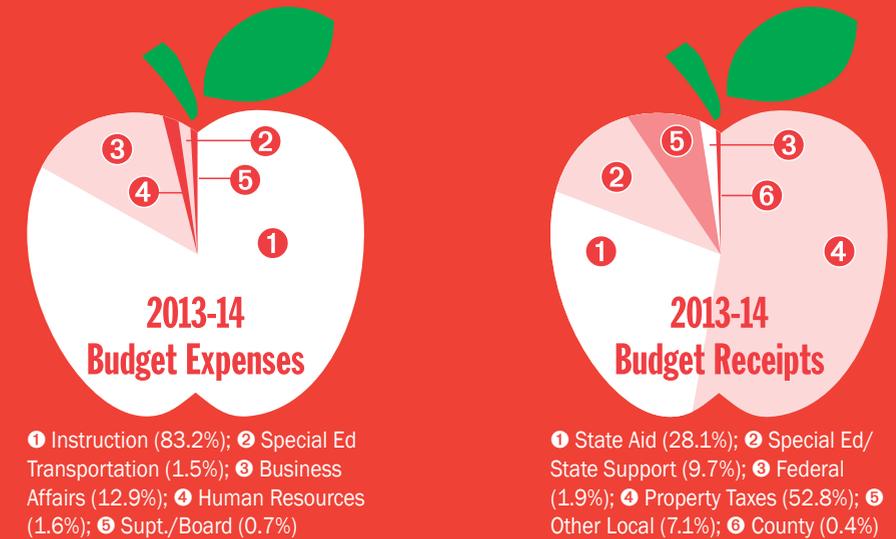
Increasing the high school graduation rate is the most important instructional strategic goal for our school district. The reason is simple: We want LPS students leaving our high schools with a meaningful diploma that serves as the gateway to better employment and a successful college career.

LPS also set new records for a declining dropout rate, which means more students are staying in school. The dropout rate for 2014 was 5.1 percent, down from 6 percent the previous year – and down from 8.8 percent just three years ago.



...Stories in good stewardship

The \$345.6 million budget for 2013-14 – meant Lincoln Public Schools ranked 233rd out of 249 Nebraska school districts in per pupil spending. It also represented the lowest tax levy rate in 40 years.



...Stories of community

Our community approved a \$153 million bond issue for the school district with an overwhelming 68 percent approval from Lincoln voters in a historic February 2014 mail-in election.

Plans and work have already started on projects that include: a new elementary school, a new middle school, a high school career academy, additions and renovations at existing facilities, and security and technology improvements throughout the community. The bond issue will add 2,200 new seats: 1,078 new elementary seats, 800 middle school seats and 375 high school seats.

Check out our progress at: <http://lps.org/2014bond/update/map>.

The 2014 bond issue is funded based on the current levy rate with no planned levy increase.



...Stories of rich demographics

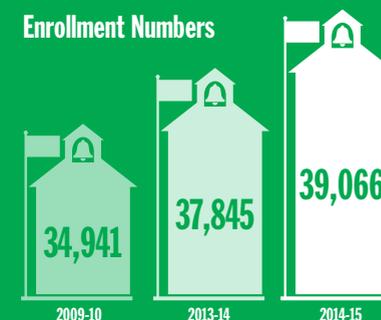
The faces and voices of LPS students are varied and diverse.

- Children come from more than 55 different countries – speaking that many different languages.
- Different ethnic backgrounds.
- Special education services are provided to more than 6,000 students – gifted services to more than 4,500.
- More than 43 percent of our students live in poverty.

...Stories in growth

Official enrollment for Lincoln Public Schools rocketed to 39,066 students for the 2014-15 school year with a record 1,222 more students than the previous year – a 12 percent increase in five years. That's growth of more than 4,000 students – enough kids to fill eight elementary schools.

The growth was seen throughout the community from north to south, east to west, from schools on the outer edges of Lincoln – to schools in central Lincoln.



...Stories of accountability

NeSA: Lincoln Public Schools monitors student progress and achievement in a variety of ways, and results from the 2013-14 Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) scores – the piece of the achievement puzzle based on state standards – showed steady improvement as well as above-state-average numbers in most grades and subject areas.

- Every LPS high school's reading scores improved – sometimes as much as 8 to 9 percent over the previous year.
- The percent of LPS students proficient in math exceeded the state average in all grades – and the percent of students proficient in math was at an all-time high in every secondary grade.
- Science climbed with steady increases in percent proficient over the last three years – with some significant increases.

ACT: Lincoln Public Schools students continued to perform well with results from the third year of a pilot program in which every LPS high school junior now takes the ACT college-ready test. Previously, about 65 percent of LPS graduates took the ACT, but now virtually 100 percent take the ACT.

Big hug during Grandparent's Day at Huntington Elementary

Singing up a storm with Adams Elementary

