Confirmed FY24 Available Capacity to Enroll Lincoln Resident Students			
Intended Tuitioned Grades: 7 to 12  Capacity confirmed for all grades			
Regional School	School Grades	District	Superintendent
Mt. Abraham Union Middle/High School	7 to 12	MAUSD	P. Reen
Middlebury Union Middle School	6 to 8	ACSD	P. Burrows
Middlebury Union High School	9 to 12	ACSD	P. Burrows
Vergennes Union High School	7 to 12	ANWSD	S. Soule
Additional Confirmed Capacity: Grades: K to 6  Capacity confirmed for all grades			
Beeman Elementary School	K to 6	MAUSD	P. Reen
Bristol Elementary School	K to 6	MAUSD	P. Reen
Monkton Elementary School	K to 6	MAUSD	P. Reen
Robinson Elementary School	K to 6	MAUSD	P. Reen
Mary Hogan Elementary School*	K to 5	ACSD	P. Burrows
Ripton Elementary School*	K to 5	ACSD	P. Burrows
Weybridge Elementary School*	K to 5	ACSD	P. Burrows
Vergennes Union Elementary School**	K to 6	ANWSD	S. Soule
Ferrisburg Central School**	K to 6	ANWSD	S. Soule
* Capacity confirmed at all ACSD Elementary Schools. Only those closest to Lincoln are listed.  **Grade-level capacity could vary by school. See correspondence from Superintendent Soule.			

The following pages include written assurances and additional correspondence regarding available enrollment capacity for Lincoln students, from regional (Addison County) Superintendents Patrick Reen (MAUSD), Peter Burrows (ACSD), and Sheila Soule (ANWSD).



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## Shaping Our Future Together

To Whom It May Concern:

With regards to the withdrawal process of the Town of Lincoln from the Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD), be advised that MAUSD has sufficient capacity to accept any and all current and projected grades K-12 students who reside in Lincoln. In fact, our middle/high school, Mt. Abraham, has capacity to accept all grades 7-12 students from Lincoln multiple times over. Additionally, each of our other 4 elementary schools has capacity to accept all grades K-6 students from Lincoln. One of them, Bristol Elementary, located 6 miles from Lincoln Community School, could do so multiple times over.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick J. Reen

Superintendent of Schools

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May 11, 2022

Jeanne Albert Save Community Schools Lincoln, Vermont 05443

Dear Jeanne,

I am writing to inform you that Addison Central School District has the capacity to accommodate Grades K-12 students from the town of Lincoln, Vermont.

If you have question or need further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Peter Burrows, D.Ed.

**Superintendent of Schools** 

## Email correspondence with ANWSD Superintendent Sheila Soule, regarding enrollment capacity for Lincoln students

- April 8, 2022, Initial confirmation: grades 7 to 12 (Intended tuitioned grades)
- April 15, 2022: Follow-up: grades K to 6

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Re: Enrollment capacity for tuitioning Lincoln students

Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org> Fri 4/15/2022 2:56 PM To: Albert, Jeanne R.

Hello,

This one is a little trickier to answer. It would depend on how many, and which school they would want to enroll in. For example, this year, I would not be able to take any additional students in Kindergarten or Grade 1 at Ferrisburgh. But it may be possible at VUES. I would say I am moderately confident as long as there was flexibility in which school the student wanted to attend.

Sheila

On Fri, Apr 15, 2022 at 1:29 PM Albert, Jeanne R. < jalbert@middlebury.edu > wrote:

Hello Sheila,

In advance of our meeting next week with the State Board of Education, we have sent Chair Olsen some preliminary information, including your assessment of estimated FY24 enrollment capacity. Thank you again for providing this information.

Although we do not intend to tuition grades other than 7 to 12, Chair Olsen has indicated that it would be useful for the Board to have an assessment of potential enrollment capacity in grades K to 6, as well.

Projecting forward the current enrollment in grades K through 4 at the Lincoln Community School, I made the following estimates for FY24 enrollment in grades 2 to 6. (For Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, I used NESDEC projections.) The estimated K-- 6 total is 63 students.

- K: 9
- 1: 9
- 2: 7
- 3: 7
- 4: 10
- 5: 12
- 6: 9

Thank you again for your assistance, and I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Be well, Jeanne

From: Sheila Soule <ssoule@anwsd.org> Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 6:37 AM

To: Albert, Jeanne R. <jalbert@middlebury.edu>

Subject: Re: Enrollment capacity for tuitioning Lincoln students

Hello Jeanne,

I would not anticipate any issue with capacity for the number of students you have listed here.

Sheila Soule

On Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 6:19 PM Albert, Jeanne R. < jalbert@middlebury.edu> wrote:

Dear Superintendent Soule,

My name is Jeanne Albert and I am a member of Save Community Schools (SCS), from Lincoln, VT. This group includes former and current educators, educational consultants, parents, grandparents, long-time Lincoln residents and others who have recently moved to Lincoln. For the past year, SCS has been working to ensure a thriving future for our town, which includes the continued education of our K-6 students at the Lincoln Community School.

As you may know, in August 2021 the Town of Lincoln voted overwhelmingly to withdraw from the Mount Abraham Unified School District, and at Town Meeting this year, the other four MAUSD towns ratified this vote-- also overwhelmingly. The next step in the withdrawal process (as governed by statute) is a meeting before the State Board of Education later this month.

As part of our preparation for this meeting, Save Community Schools is gathering information that the Board has requested, so that it may provide conditional approval for our withdrawal. Such requested information includes data regarding enrollment capacity for Lincoln students in area schools.

I'm reaching out to ask if you are able to provide an assessment of projected FY24 enrollment capacity, for Lincoln students, at Vergennes Union High School. The projections that I have (based on NESDEC data) indicate that in FY24, Lincoln will have approximately 92 students in grades 7 to 12, as follows:

grade 7: 13 grade 8: 20 grade 9: 15 grade 10: 17 grade 11: 12 grade 12: 15 While we expect that most Lincoln students will likely continue to attend Mount Abraham Middle/High School, the State Board requires that we provide information about additional, regional enrollment capacity so they can be fully informed about where Lincoln students can (or could) attend school.

Thank you very much for your assistance. We plan to send some materials to the Board on Monday, so if you are able to provide a quick assessment via email that would be ideal. Subsequently, we may need an official letter of confirmation.

If you have any questions or would prefer to discuss by phone, please let me know.

Best, Jeanne Albert