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February 26, 2018

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To the Sudbury Board of Selectmen:

The Lincoln Board of Selectmen acknowledges your letter dated February 14, 2018, and is sincerely appreciative of your interest in discussing topics related to the education of students from our respective towns. We believe that open communication between our boards is beneficial to us all.

We also strongly believe in collaboration between town government and our schools -- they are mutually beneficial civic institutions, and should work in concert to the fullest extent. It is also true that they are co-equals, and that each entity has its own, distinct jurisdiction.

Using that set of principles, at our February 26th meeting our Board discussed your request to create a joint committee to consider educational supports, shared services, or changes to administrative structure. Looking at the areas of interest you delineated, they seemed to us to fall squarely within the purview of the three School Committees, and we believe that a request to create a task force should originate with them. If the School Committees determine, through public votes, that it would be beneficial to have the Boards of Selectmen involved in their educational planning, we would then be willing to engage in a conversation about goals and our appropriate roles.

Again, we thank you for your transparency and outreach, and will stay informed as the conversations between and among the School Committees move forward.

Respectfully, and on behalf of the Board,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Glass", is written over the typed name.

Jennifer Glass
Lincoln Board of Selectmen

CC: School Committee, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School
School Committee, Lincoln Public Schools
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