

Lincoln Elementary School PTO
1111 S. Grove Ave.
Oak Park, IL 60304

October 13, 2016

Re: Lincoln PTO Allocations | Fall 2016

To the Board,

The Lincoln PTO is seeking support and approval on the following allocation requests to enhance the environment and student experience at Lincoln this year. Once approved, we would like to move forward as quickly as possible, working directly with vendors. If there are any preferred vendors that District 97 would recommend for any of this work, please let us know.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please feel free to reach out to either of us.

With gratitude,

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ALLOCATION REQUESTS – APPROVED BY THE LINCOLN PTO

1. BUDDY BENCHES (2)

- ➔ Overview: The buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. It supports the social emotional development work our students and faculty are already working on through second step. There is a strong interest for two of these benches to be installed on our playgrounds. There is strong support from both parents and faculty.
- ➔ Estimated Cost: \$3,000.00 (includes two benches, installation, and curriculum support for teachers and parents)

2. BLINDS

- ➔ Overview: There is a need for blinds on the west-facing 2nd floor hallway. This would be a non-structural improvement to positively impact the experience of our students and faculty working in that area.
- ➔ Estimated Cost: \$2,000

3. AUDITORIUM ENHANCEMENTS

- ➔ Overview: Lincoln's auditorium gets a lot of regular use – from classes and holiday performances to assemblies and after school programs. In order to improve the space, the PTO will replace broken chair, upgrade to LED lighting and a digital projector. There are # chairs that are broken, keeping students and parents from having a place to sit for these events. The PTO would like to replace the chairs in the auditorium.
- ➔ Estimated Cost: \$10,000 (includes seats, lighting, projector and installation fees)

4. HEALTHY SNACKS

- ➔ Overview: Teachers at Lincoln encourage students to bring a health snack to school each day – specifically fresh fruits and vegetables. For families on our free and reduced lunch program, that can, at times, be a luxury they cannot afford. The PTO would like to take care of providing healthy snacks (available via the nurse's office) for those students who either weren't able to start their day with a healthy breakfast or don't have a healthy fruit/vegetable snack to get them through the day.
- ➔ Estimated Cost: \$200/month