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Happy New Year!!!

The new year is the opportunity to refresh and reset! I hope that everyone had an opportunity to relax, spend quality time with loved ones, and were able to get some much needed rest. This is a time when many people try to start the year off on a positive note and establish new goals for the year. I am excited about all the new opportunities this new year brings for Lincoln Middle School students, families and staff.

There are a few weeks left in the first semester, so it is very important that students come back to school ready to finish this semester out strong. Please talk with your students about the importance of finishing the semester off on a high note. More importantly, please make sure you review the student code of conduct with them. A lot tends to happen while students are out on breaks. Please encourage them to use positive conduct/behavior to school that upholds the student's code of conduct. We want to provide students with a safe and orderly school environment. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Please mark your calendars for the evenings of January 12th, February 16th and March 23rd in room 200 at LHS for in person Strategic Planning meetings. These meetings are designed to bring all stakeholders together to develop a strategic plan based around the notion of **The Portrait of A Graduate**. Invitations have been sent out, but if you really would like to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to work **collaboratively** with our Lincoln family, please email me at greentk@lincolnk12.org. Let's start the New Year with a positive, energy filled experience. I look forward to hearing from you.

Please join me in welcoming **Mrs. Latiece Howard** to our building. Mrs. Howard is a social worker with many years of experience working in urban and suburban schools

throughout her years as an educator. She is available to assist students in an array of ways, but more specifically in their social-emotional capacity. She will be very instrumental in her support of the school environment to make all students feel safe, excited and eager about school. Mrs. Howard began working with students, staff and families the week before our holiday break.

Additionally, I would like to announce the retirement of **Mr. John Malbone**. Mr. Malbone retired from Lincoln Consolidated Schools in December. We thank him for all the wonderful times we shared and his commitment to enriching the lives of students and families. Mr. Malbone, we will certainly miss you.

This is such a difficult message to write for such a wonderful person. **Mrs. Kelly Huling**, our omniscient secretary will be retiring on **February 3rd**. I have worked directly with Mrs. Huling for 5 plus years and I can truly say it has been a pleasure working with her. She has made my job so much easier on so many different levels. She has made life so much better for our staff and students by doing her job routinely and at the highest level. Please drop by the office, send a note, email, or whatever you feel compelled to do so, to show your appreciation. She will be missed by our school community for sure. We love her and wish her nothing but the best during her retirement!

Next month is recognized as **Black History Month**. There will be a number of things planned throughout the month that will highlight significant experiences and contributions that African Americans have made to the world. On **Monday, February 13th**, we will recognize **National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID)** at the middle school. We have not finalized plans for this day, but please mark your calendar. Our plans will include activities in the building that families can attend. It will be a fun day for our students and guests! Please make sure you read our weekly updates that are sent electronically each week for more specifics as our plans evolve. Thank you for all your support and we look forward to seeing everyone soon.

I look forward to our continued success throughout 2023!

Go Railsplitters!

Principal Green