



To: Interested Stakeholders
From: Cathie Petsch and Lea Ann Johnson
Re: Lincoln Community Learning Centers Initiative

August 2005 Update

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- Greg Neill has been hired by Cedars Youth Services as the CLC site supervisor for Clinton and Hartley Elementary Schools. Family Service has promoted Jackie Kollars from lead teacher to CLC site supervisor for Holmes and Hawthorne Elementary Schools.
- Tuesday, August 16 site supervisors and members of the CLC Leadership Council will attend a presentation by Dr. Michael Fullan, author of *Leading in a Culture of Change*. Dr. Fullan's keynote on sustainable reform is part of the Lincoln Public Schools annual administrative leadership conference.
- Bonnie Coffey has been elected President of the National Association of Commissions for Women. As a CLC Leadership Council member Bonnie continues to help guide the initiative's work with the understanding that Nebraska ranks third in the nation for the number of women in the work force.
- "Crunch, crunch...munch, munch...yum, yum ...may I have some more, please?"...the sound of kinders eating Daikon radishes. The CLC initiative has received a discretionary grant from the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln to implement Food Friends™, an innovative literacy-based nutrition program. CLC kinder-wrap students at Everett, Holmes, Lakeview, Pershing, Saratoga and West Lincoln elementary schools will be introduced to variety of new food choices. Research shows encouraging new foods at an age when preferences are formed can translate into lifelong healthier eating habits.

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