



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

**January 2004 Update**

- Superintendent Phil Schoo will speak to the Coalition for Community Schools Partners Meeting February 12 in Washington, DC. The topic is how school leaders are building sustainable partnerships to create community schools and the challenges that lie ahead.
- State Senator Di Anna Schimek has introduced Legislative Bill 1142 to exempt before and after school services from school districts' levy and budget lids. A hearing is scheduled before the Revenue Committee Friday, February 6. We have asked CLC parents Jennifer Baker and Diane Long Soldier to testify in support.
- The Lincoln Board of Education has adopted a resolution endorsing the establishment of the Phil Schoo Community Learning Center Legacy Fund. The endowment created through the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools honors Phil's 19 years of service to the students of Lincoln upon his retirement effective June 2004.
- Downtown Rotary #14 will honor CLC Leadership Council member Leola Bullock Tuesday, February 3 as the Nebraskan of the Year.
- Community members may meet the candidates for Lincoln's superintendent of schools Monday, February 9 and Tuesday, February 10 at open forums from 4 to 7 pm at the district office 5901 O Street. The finalists are Mary Kamerzell of Tucson, Arizona; Marilyn Moore of Lincoln; Susan Gourley of Puyallup, Washington and David Benson of Overland Park, Kansas.
- On the road...Lakeview Principal Sudie Bock will represent Lincoln CLCs at the Beyond School Hours VII National Conference: Viewing Challenges as Opportunities February 15-18 in San Diego. Lakeview/Everett Site Supervisor Ryan Mohling and Gina Benne of Willard Community Center will attend the National School-Age Care Alliance in Tampa February 26-28. Bonnie Coffey, mayor's liaison and CLC management team member, played to rave reviews ("Hey, we want to talk to that city lady from Lincoln!") at the by invitation only Urban Community Schools Network in Chicago January 21-23. Communities included were Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Evansville, Indianapolis, Portland, Kansas City and Lincoln. CLC Co-coordinator Cathie Petsch was also in attendance.