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

**November 2005 Update**

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- CLCs will be represented on the YMCA Activate America Team 2005. Co-coordinator Lea Ann Johnson will join Barb Bettin, Sharon Bredehoft, Marybell Avery, Christi Chaves, Jeff Cole, Lynn Johnson, Kelly Medwick and Mary Jo Pankoke in Washington, DC at the YMCA Pioneering Healthier Communities conference December 1-2.
- CLC Evaluator Marj Willeke, Kim Boyce, director of the Nebraska Community Learning Centers Network and CLC Co-coordinator Lea Ann Johnson will participate in a Coalition for Community Schools convening November 17-18 in Washington, DC. The goal of the meeting is to develop a flexible, results-oriented framework to support the development of local community schools.
- Encouraged by a \$2500 grant from the Sowers Club to purchase 20 sets of 2005-2006 Golden Sowers Award winners, the CLC initiative in partnership with Lincoln City Libraries and Librarian Pat Leach has developed a best practice procedure for book discussions and literacy clubs. And at the November CLC staff development night, Vicki Wood of the Lincoln City Libraries Youth Services department will lead the hot topic: blazing book clubs and awesome author studies.
- And speaking of books, Liz Shotkoski of the Gallup Organization will be sharing copies of the Gallup Press *Now, Discover Your Strengths* and *Teach with Your Strengths: How Great Teachers Inspire Their Students* with the CLC site supervisors. Liz will also lead two sessions on the Gallup Strengths Finder profile and analysis for the group.
- Mark your calendar now...Saturday, January 21, 2006 is the next SNAC/Neighborhood Summit...8:00-11:30 a.m. at Huntington CLC...the theme is how to create a "Phoenix Affect" in your school neighborhood.
- The Lincoln Board of Education has been selected by the National School Board Association and the American School Board Journal as a Magna Awards 2006 winner in the over 20,000 student enrollment category. The board will be featured in a special April 2006 supplement and recognized at an April 10 luncheon in Chicago for their exemplary work with Lincoln's Community Learning Centers initiative.



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