

Statement of the LEAP Board of Directors

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Lincoln Extended-Day Activities Program, LEAP, would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the Community Center project and are deeply grateful for the opportunity to be included in this exciting initiative. LEAP has been operating on the Hartwell Campus since 1981 and has been located in Pod C since 1995. LEAP has played a vital role in providing after-school care and services to hundreds of families throughout the years and supporting working parents in the community.

We are looking forward to the opportunity of a new building. This isn't just about replacing an old structure; it's a step towards making our campus more efficient and environmentally friendly. Pod C has served us well, a new building would allow us to embrace the latest technology, enriching our community and reducing our environmental impact. This move is about progressing and creating a space ready for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

We understand that the construction phase may bring some challenges. We have had productive conversations with the School Administration and the School Committee, and we are confident in our ability to adapt and continue delivering our high-quality programs throughout the process. After discussions with the Administration and the Town, we do not anticipate a significant impact on our license fees due to the Community Center project.

We have worked closely with the CCBC and ICON to address safety and program-related concerns and will continue to refine our spaces, both interior and exterior, if the project moves forward.

While we enthusiastically support the Community Center project as being an overall benefit to LEAP, we acknowledge that there are a lot of contributing factors that extend beyond your support for LEAP as an organization and respect the decisions of Parents and Town Residents, however they decide to vote.

Respectfully,

The LEAP Board of Directors
Katie Hawkins, Director