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South Lake Street School, c. 1885

(Lincoln)

We Have A Problem . . .

\$7.7 MILLION

***Fewer* Dollars for
Education Next
Year**

How Did We Get Here?

- 350 Fewer Students
- Empty Classrooms
- Lower Home Values
- Fewer State Dollars
- State Penalty for Local Support



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How Did We Get Here? cont.

- State Not Funding Smaller Class Size Grant
- State Not Funding, Arts/Foreign Language Grants
- State May Not Fund Early Learning Next Year
- State Not Paying Bills- **\$2.7 Million Dollars** (as of March 12, 2009)
- Federal Government Not Funding Reading Grant

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We Have Some Ideas

- How do we tackle the **\$7.7 Million** problem?
 - ✓ Looking at everything in the district
 - ✓ Financial Reduction Plan



Why Lincoln?

- Some of oldest schools in state:
Hill, Lincoln (1891), Todd
- \$133,000** in maintenance this year
- \$1 Million** in maintenance needed
in future
- Small school 267 total students

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Why Lincoln? (cont.)

- 214 students living in Lincoln attendance area
- **\$916,000** saved-administration, office professional, custodial, 5.5 teacher positions saved, utilities, supplies, copier costs
- Fiscal Responsibility in Time of Recession

Where are students going?

- General Education to Freeman and Nicholson
- Bilingual Education K, 1 and 2 to Greenman
- Bilingual Education 3, 4 and 5 to Aurora University



Where are students going?

- No class sizes exceeding our current maximums
- Class size maximums agreed to by our teacher association in contract
- Instruction continues with a focus on learning