

## FINANCIAL DATA

EAV .....	\$ 58,142,697
Bonds Outstanding .....	\$ 55,000
Total Budget Revenue .....	\$ 3,060,000

### TAX RATE –

Education .....	1.90000
Operations & Maintenance .....	0.25000
Transportation .....	0.12000
Working Cash .....	0.05000
I.M.R.F. ....	0.06223
Tort Liability .....	0.10513
Bond & Interest .....	0.09732
Fire Prevention .....	0.00000
Social Security .....	0.07236
Special Education .....	0.02000
Life Safety .....	0.05000
Other .....	0.05000
TOTAL .....	2.77704

## THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Chester-East Lincoln CCSD 61 Board of Education is comprised of citizens dedicated to providing the best education possible for every student it serves. Board members establish sound written policies and expect the superintendent to function as the chief executive officer in implementing those policies.

Name	*Years
Keith Birnbaum, President	4
Kenny Goldem, Vice President	2
Robert Buse, Secretary	4
Robert Evers	1
Diane Harris	1
Craig Rohlf	2
Leslie Starasta	1

\* Years served on the Chester-East Lincoln CCSD 61 Board of Education.

## CANDIDATES AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates will be evaluated on their professional merits with emphasis on the following qualifications specified by the board of education:

- Provide leadership for effective staff development and assessment program.
- Ability to analyze current situations, initiate appropriate action and inform the Board of Education when advisable.
- Ability to maximize financial and human resources in support of educational programs in the district.
- Provide leadership in planning; develop with the Board of Education, both long and short range district goals.
- Ability to select, assign, and evaluate staff.
- Be a “people person” with proven abilities in human relations and communications

### APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO CONTACT BOARD MEMBERS.

**Chester-East Lincoln CCSD 61 is an equal opportunity employer and the Illinois Association of School Boards is an equal opportunity employment search agency.**

This Professional  
Superintendent Search  
is conducted by the



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All nominations, letters of application, inquiries, credentials and copies of legal proof of administrative qualifications should be addressed as follows:

*Dave Love, Consultant, Executive Searches  
Illinois Association of School Boards  
One Imperial Place  
1 East 22nd Street, Suite 20  
Lombard, IL 60148*

**PLEASE MARK ANY CORRESPONDENCE  
AND/OR ENVELOPES “Chester-East Lincoln  
CCSD 61”**

To receive consideration, an applicant’s file must be completed and received in the IASB office by 4:30 p.m. on **April 21, 2011** and must contain:

1. A completed **Personal information form** (available at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com)).
2. **Formal letter of application** indicating desire to be a candidate for this position.
3. **Set of up-to-date confidential credentials** sent from applicant’s university, which includes: transcripts and confidential letters of reference.
4. **Proof of qualification to be a superintendent in the state of Illinois** (copy of administrative certificate\*).
5. **Resume that includes** a summary of achievements in administrative positions, educational vision and goals, personal leadership philosophy.

\* Information on certification can be obtained by writing the Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Professional Preparation, 100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois 62777: 1-800/845-8749 or visit the ISBE website at [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net).

# Announcement of Vacancy Superintendent/ Principal Chester-East Lincoln CCSD 61



## MISSION STATEMENT

The vision for the Chester-East Lincoln School District is that all students will progress, to the extent of their ability, in an atmosphere of understanding and community interaction.

**March 2011**

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY

The Board of Education of Chester-East Lincoln CCSD 61, Lincoln, Illinois is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Superintendent of Schools. C. Lee Smithey is currently serving as the interim Superintendent/Principal. The Board wishes to select a superintendent who will begin work on July 1, 2011.

It is anticipated that the total compensation package will be at least \$100,000. It is anticipated that the initial contract will be for a multi-year period, as authorized by Illinois statutes.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT AND THE AREA

**LOCATION** — Chester-East Lincoln District #61 is located in Logan County just east of the city of Lincoln. Lincoln, Illinois is an area rich in American and Illinois history. This city is also the county seat of Logan County and was the first city named for Abraham Lincoln, an event which occurred in 1853 before he became a nationally-known figure.

The school district is approximately 126 square miles comprising of 60% farmland and 40% of subdivisions and businesses.

School population is approximately 285 pupils with 225 families.

Chester-East Lincoln derives its name from the two townships that comprise the school district - Chester and East Lincoln.

The school was built in 1951 followed with two additions. The first addition was built in 1968 that now constitutes the Learning/Media Center, the courtyard and the present day 4th and 5th grade classes.

The second was built in 1997 which expanded the primary wing to house 2 kindergarten classrooms and two 1st grade classrooms.

The facility consists of an IESA approved baseball field with lights, a 300 meter track, and a regulation soccer field.

**TYPE** — K-8, 285 Students.

**OFFICE** — 1300 1500th St., Lincoln, IL 62656

**STAFF** — 1 Principal, 27 Teachers, 26 Support Personnel.

**CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL** — Superintendent, Office Secretary, District Secretary, Transportation Director and Custodial Manager, Contracted Technology Coordinator.

**CURRICULUM** — Full time physical education program. Art program. Music program. Jr. High academics offer Pre-algebra, algebra, American History, life science and physical science, literature and English grammar. K - 6 offer the basics of mathematics, reading, language, spelling, writing, science and social studies.

**SPECIAL SERVICES** — Early childhood program for special needs students. Special education services are provided with inclusion in the upper grades and resource and instructional programs

**FACILITIES** — One building houses the district's K through Grade 8 enrollment.

**TRANSPORTATION** — The school maintains its own bus fleet that services the 126 square miles of the district.

**DISTRICT WEBSITE** — <http://www.logan.k12.il.us/CEL/index.html>

**MEMBER OF** — Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Elementary School Association.

**MEDICAL** — Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital – Newly built hospital opened March 2011. Family Medical Center.

**RECREATION** — Lincoln Park District, Kickapoo Park, Edward Madigan State Park, Logan Lanes, Lincoln Cinemas 4.

**HISTORIC SITES** — Stephen A. Douglas Site - Corner of Logan Street and Fourth Street. Douglas spoke here on September 4, 1858 during his famous campaign against Abraham Lincoln for the Senate seat. Lincoln was in attendance but did not speak.

Lincoln College Museum - McKinstry Library - 300 Keokuk Street at Lincoln College. The Lincoln College Museum displays over 2,000 Lincoln volumes, manuscripts, art and other items. The Museum of Presidents honors all United States Presidents. There is also a three-foot section of Tower One of the World Trade Center.

The Christening Scene - Broadway Street and Chicago Street. Abraham Lincoln, a lawyer from Springfield, christened the town of Lincoln with juice from a watermelon in 1853.

Postville Courthouse - 914 Fifth Street. This landmark was built in 1841 and was Logan County's first courthouse. The original structure was purchased by Henry Ford and moved to Dearborn, Michigan.

Logan County Courthouse - Located in downtown Lincoln's Historic District, the current courthouse was built in 1905. This building is the third at the site since 1853. It houses county offices and records. A statue of Abraham Lincoln and a monument honoring Civil War veterans are located nearby.

Heritage In Flight Museum - Logan County Airport located at the northeast corner of Lincoln houses memorabilia from all military conflicts since World War II. The building was part of Camp Ellis, an Army training facility and POW camp during World War II located in Fulton County, Illinois.

**RETAIL** — MKS Jewelers, LTD, NAPA Lincoln Automotive Supply, Beans and Such, Action Rental & Sales, The Treasure Chest, Mary Todds Hallmark, Sherwin Williams, The Owl's Roost, Big "R", McEntire Appliance & Repair, McQuellon's Appliance, Sears of Lincoln & Logan County, ACE Hardware, Walmart.

**FRATERNAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS** — Elks Lodge #914, Odd Fellows Grand Lodge Of Illinois, American Legion Post #263, Lincoln Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club of Lincoln.

**COLLEGES** —

- Lincoln Christian University - 1100 students 4 year university.
- Lincoln College.
- Heartland Community College.

## TIMELINE

**Application Deadline**  
**April 21, 2011**

**Finalists Presented To Board**  
**April 2011**

**Finalist Interviews**  
**May 2011**

**New Superintendent Appointed**  
**May 2011**

**New Superintendent Begins**  
**July 1, 2011**