High School Freshmen Greeted by Hundreds of Cheering Classmates

**WHAT**
School starts August 15, and Lincoln High is hosting a lively back-to-school orientation for incoming 9th grade students.

**WHEN**
Friday, August 12, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE**
Lincoln High School / 2162 24th Avenue

**WHO**
- Principal Barnaby Payne
- Jump Start Coordinator Morgan Wallace
- Jump Start student mentors
- Incoming Lincoln High freshmen

**WHY**
The first days of high school can be stressful, and at Lincoln High School, with over 2,000 students, fitting in can be a particular challenge for freshmen.

To improve their transition, staff and students at Lincoln High lead Jump Start, a mentoring program in which students from upper grades help freshmen learn the ropes.

Jump Start is based on Link Crew, a research-based program used by high schools across the U.S. to benefit from the power of peer influence to engage and motivate incoming students.

**AUDIO/VISUAL:**
Orientation begins with students entering the school gym, flanked by hundreds of cheering upperclassmen, who are then is greeted at the end of the line by Principal Barnaby Payne.

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