

Special Olympics Kansas

www.kssso.org



DATE: February 6, 2017
CONTACT: Donna Zimmerman
PHONE: 913.236.9290 ext. 112
E-MAIL: pr@kssso.org

Elena Lincoln Elected to Special Olympics Kansas Board

Mission, KS – Elena Lincoln, District #253 Special Education Director, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Special Olympics Kansas (SOKS).

Lincoln stated, “The mission of Special Olympics Kansas resonates with me as a former athlete and current special education administrator. I believe that athletics is an avenue to personal health, growth, and connectedness, which aligns with the SOKS mission. SOKS empowers children and adults to push the envelope of their minds and bodies through competition and community—a mission I can easily support.”

President & CEO of SOKS Chris Hahn said, “Elena will be a great addition to the Board, bringing a strong special education background with her. Her respective training and experiences are valuable to our athletes.”

Lincoln grew up in Strong City, KS and currently resides there with her husband and two daughters. She is a former teacher, education consultant, lobbyist and Kansas State Department of Education Special Education attorney and assistant director. In her current position at USD #253 she oversees special education services for the seven district Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative.

Lincoln received her undergraduate degree from Washburn University, Masters in Educational Administration from Emporia State University and her juris doctorate from University of Toledo College of Law. At Washburn she was a Lady Blues basketball athlete and also volunteered for SOKS activities.

She was elected at the December 2016 SOKS Board of Directors meeting, and will begin a three year term in 2017.

Energized by the pride and power of teamwork, Special Olympics Kansas provides individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to be an athlete, and more, through achievement, acceptance, inclusion, physical fitness, health and nutrition programs and leadership development.

###