

Insight Asked for Local History

(KAIR)--A unique opportunity for funding Atchison history. That's an opportunity Northeast Atchison residents have over the next week in the way of an income survey.

The survey is needed in order for the Lincoln School Alumni Board to apply for a Kansas' Community Development Block Grant. To receive the \$400,000 in funds, the board must show the project area is 51 percent or higher low-to-moderate income. Though Atchison does not qualify as 51 percent low-to-moderate income, the state is allowing a target area to be surveyed.

"They gave the target area from Harper Drive, including Applegate, to Laramie Street to K7 to Second Street," said Angela Tyler, vice president of the Lincoln School Alumni Board.

She asks that residents please participate in this completely anonymous survey as the grant will be used for renovating the Lincoln School into the Atchison Lincoln School Unity Center.

"It's significant because it was the first school in the state of Kansas to be fully integrated before Brown vs. Board of Education became law," Tyler said. "So, we take great pride in that history and so one of the major priorities to preserve the history of that school."

Surveyors will be knocking on doors in the area from 6-8 in the evening throughout next week.

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