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## Cindy Rolling: Midvale-Lincolnpair is no failure

A letter to the editor  
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Dear Editor: Thank you for Susan Troller's series on the Midvale-Lincoln elementary school pair. It reflects the experiences that our family, too, had with the award-winning staff, individualized instruction and innovative curriculum at both of those schools.

My children had the benefit of learning in a rich multicultural environment and receiving the academic preparation that led them to become "A" students in high school and college. It should be noted that these strengths are found in Lincoln's regular classrooms in addition to the open classroom.

I was troubled, however, by the comparison between the supposed Midvale-Lincoln "failed pair" and Randall-Franklin. It appears that the only "failure" of Midvale-Lincoln is that it educates a disproportionate number of children with low income or from families of color. A strange definition for these fine schools.

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