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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Juniper Investment Company, LLC</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>555 MADISON AVENUE</u> <u>24TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022-3315</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORP [LINC]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">Affiliate</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/27/2026</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, no par value per share	02/25/2026		S		150,000	D	\$35.67 ⁽¹⁾	1,938,311	I	Juniper Targeted Opportunity Fund, L.P. ⁽²⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents the weighted average per share price with a range from \$35.55 and \$35.87. The reporting person undertakes to provide details of the trades to the Issuer or the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.
- Represents 1,938,311 shares held by Juniper Targeted Opportunity Fund, L.P. (the "Juniper Fund"), of which Juniper Investment Company, LLC ("Juniper Investment") serves as the investment advisor. John A. Bartholdson, the Chairman of the Board of the Reporting Person, and another individual serve as the managing members of Juniper Investment. As a result, Mr. Bartholdson shares voting and dispositive power over such shares with the Juniper Fund, Juniper Investment and the other individual. Mr. Bartholdson disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares reflected herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Juniper Targeted Opportunity Fund, L.P., By: /s/ John A. Bartholdson, the Managing Member of its general partner Juniper Investment Company, LLC, By: /s/ John A. Bartholdson, its Managing Member

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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