LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORP Form 8-K September 27, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): September 27, 2016

Lincoln Educational Services Corporation (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey000-5137157-1150621(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

200 Executive Drive, Suite 34007052West Orange, New Jersey 07052(Zip Code)(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 736-9340

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 27, 2016, Lincoln Educational Services Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the U.S. Department of Education ("DOE") has completed their review of the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year-ending December 31, 2015. As a result of the Company's improved financial strength and compliance within the DOE guidelines, the Company will no longer be required to comply with the Zone Alternative restrictions, including heightened cash monitoring, imposed on them by the DOE in 2014. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)Exhibits

<u>99.1</u> Press release issued by Lincoln Educational Services Corporation on September 27, 2016.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Date: September 27, 2016

By:/s/ Brian K. Meyers Name:Brian K. Meyers Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Office and Treasurer