



December 17, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Michael J. Martirano, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

Subject: Redistricting Exemptions Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Board members with an update on the redistricting exemptions process.

There are 2,105 students who are eligible for a redistricting exemption. As of December 16, 2019, 1,929 students' families (91.65%) made their exemption selection. The families of 1,716 students (88.96%) opted to continue at their current school, while 213 (11.04%) elected to attend their new redistricted school. There are 176 eligible students whose families have not yet made a choice.

As of December 16, 2019, of the 1,694 students who are eligible for transportation through the exemptions, 1,331 have selected it (78.57% of students offered transportation selected to take advantage of transportation; 63.23% of all 2,105 students with an exemption will be using the transportation). Some of the 176 non-responders are also eligible for transportation.

The rest of this week, through December 20, 2019, school-based staff will continue personal outreach to the families of the eligible students whose families have not yet made a choice through HCPSS Connect or by contacting the school. Most schools have small numbers of students (under 10) who have not decided. Additionally, 48% of the 176 non-responders have not yet completed their Family File which may result in inaccurate contact information being available to the school.

We are pleased with the number of completions and are comfortable moving forward with our scheduled processes to include staffing, articulation, orientations and high school course selection. School staff will continue to reach out to families in January if there are still any who have not made their redistricting exemption selection.

The Office of Student Reassignment is beginning to receive requests from families who would like their child to be at another school other than the school they were assigned to attend. Currently, the office has received fewer than 20 requests related to redistricting.

If requests are related only to redistricting, they will be denied based on Policy 9000: Student Residency, Eligibility, Enrollment and Assignment which precludes the reassignment process from addressing the impact of redistricting decisions. Families who appeal for reassignment based on hardship will be reviewed by the Office of School Reassignment.

For more information, please contact Caroline Walker, Ph.D., Executive Director, Program Innovation and Student Well-Being.

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