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SCHOOL CHOICE

It is the policy of this School District to admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Inter-district School Choice Law (MGL 76:12G) and under the following local conditions:

1. That by May 1st of every school year, the administration will determine the number of spaces in each school available to choice students.
2. That by June 1st of every school year, if consideration is being given to withdraw from the provisions of the choice law, a public meeting will be held to review this decision.
3. That School Choice slots shall not be made available in grades K-2, when the number of Hopedale resident and incumbent School Choice children exceeds 20 students per class in a grade level, and in grades 3-6, when the number of Hopedale resident and incumbent School Choice children exceeds 22 students per class in a grade level.
4. A sibling of a student enrolled in this program will receive priority acceptance, space permitting. A child of a staff member will receive second priority.
5. That the selection of non-resident students for admission be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place prior to June 1st but no later than July 1st. The second will be conducted during the week immediately preceding the opening of the next school year and will be based on the possibility of unexpected additional openings.
6. Any student who is accepted for admission under the provisions of this policy is entitled to remain in the District until graduation from high school except if there is a lack of funding of the program.
7. The School Committee affirms its position that it shall not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need, academic performance or proficiency in the English language.

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