

POLICY NO. 5084: CHOICE PROGRAMS

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

AGENDA

- Background
- Rationale for Change
- Major Changes
- Priority Order
- Random Draw
- Communication
- Timeline & Next Steps



BACKGROUND

- Policy No. 5084 “Application to Enter Alternate Programs”
- Last revised in 2001
- Process and procedures need updating
- Clarity and consistency needed



CHOICE PROGRAMS IN SD35

- Early French Immersion
- Late French Immersion
- Fundamental
- Langley Fine Arts
- Montessori
- Simonds U-Connect



RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

- Educational needs of the student
- Equity of access
- Limited enrolment
- Labour intensive for staff and parents
- Efficient use of human resources
- Times have changed – technology can assist



MAJOR CHANGES

- Name of policy
- Two choices only
- Online application
- Application 11 months in advance of entry point
- Waitlist in effect for one year only (*transition plan will include a grandfathering of the current waitlist*)
- Langley residents first
- Possible random draw process
- 48 hours to accept a placement



PRIORITY ORDER FOR INTAKE

1. Siblings of Langley residents
2. Langley residents
3. Siblings of non-resident students
4. Non-resident students



RANDOM DRAW EXAMPLE

44 French Immersion total spaces

12 siblings of Langley resident FI Program students

- **Scenario 1:** 32 remaining spaces
 - 28 Langley students on the waitlist are all enrolled
 - 10 Out-of-District siblings triggers a random draw to fill the four remaining spaces
- **Scenario 2:** 32 remaining spaces
 - 40 Langley students on the waitlist triggers a random draw to fill the 32 spaces

RANDOM DRAW

- *Note: Random draw process could be triggered at different stages in the priority order depending on availability of seats
 - Surrey
 - Abbotsford
 - Burnaby
 - Richmond
 - Vancouver
 - Delta
 - Coquitlam
 - New Westminister
 - North Vancouver
 - West Vancouver



TRANSITIONING OVER TIME

Grandfathering of Waitlist

- Eases concerns for current applicants
- Could take several years depending on program



COMMUNICATION

- Principal / Vice-Principal Meetings
- District Leadership Team
- Policy Committee
- Board of Education Regular Meeting
 - Notice of Motion June 16, 2015
- Partner Group Meetings
- Board of Education Regular Meeting
 - September 29, 2015
- District Website
- Q & A Sheet



TIMELINE

If the motion passes at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on December 8, 2015

- In effect for **new** applications for the 2016/2017 for enrolment for the 2017/2018 year
- *Grandfathering in of waitlist could take several years*



FEEDBACK

- Feedback to the Office of the Secretary
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QUESTIONS

