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Wayne -Westland Community Schools

## 2020-2021 IN-DISTRICT SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer district residents a Schools of Choice program for the 2020-2021 year for students in kindergarten through grade twelve. The Schools of Choice program provides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district **PROVIDED** there is room available in the school.

**Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.**

School district residents who would like their child to attend an elementary, upper elementary, middle or high school other than their school of residency must submit a 2020-2021 Schools of Choice application. These applications will be available in every Wayne-Westland school by Friday, January 24, 2020. **Schools of Choice applications for elementary school students, upper elementary students, middle school students, and high school students will be accepted in the Student Services at the Educational Center, 36745 Marquette Rd., Westland, between January 24, 2020 and March 2, 2020.** Applications received according to these timelines will permit, if space is available, selected students to begin the 2020-2021 year in their school of choice. If more students apply for a grade/building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students. The names of students not selected at this time will be placed on a waiting list for the 2020-2021 year. **NOTE: Current Schools of Choice students must reapply to remain eligible for the program next year.**

After the deadlines stated above, Schools of Choice applications will be accepted until August 21, 2020, at the elementary, upper elementary, middle, or high school the parent/guardian would like the child to attend. These names will be added to the 2020-2021 school year waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis. Building principals will use the waiting lists to notify qualified students of an opening. Building principals will be allowed to place Schools of Choice students only through September 11, 2020. No Schools of Choice placements will be made after this date.

A Schools of Choice student will be moved back to his/her home school if an overcrowding situation occurs within the first 10 weeks of the school year. After 10 weeks, the student will be permitted to remain in the school of choice for the remainder of the school year, provided all other conditions continue to be satisfied.

It is the policy of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education to prohibit any acts of unlawful discrimination in all matters dealing with students, employees, or applicants for employment. The Wayne-Westland Schools reaffirms its policy of equal educational and employment opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, gender, religion, age, height, weight, marital status, or disability which is unrelated to an individual's qualifications for employment or promotion, or which is unrelated to an individual's ability to utilize and benefit from the School District's services, activities, benefits, privileges, or programs. Inquiries concerning the application of Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, and Title II legislation should be directed to the Director of Student Services, Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Mi 48185 (734-419-2083).