

X. GENERAL BUSINESS
Administration/Mr. O'Connell
(April 6, 2018)

CURRENT ITEM - gb #7-62.2
S.C. MEETING - 4-26-18

1ST ITEM	gb #7-62	S.C.MTG. 2-16-17
2ND ITEM	gb #7-62.1	S.C.MTG. 4-27-17
3RD ITEM	gb #7-62.2	S.C.MTG. 4-28-18

ITEM:

Response of the Administration to the motion to consider providing language in the School Choice Policy that would address the special preference for inter-district students who are siblings of School Choice students in a particular school.

ORIGINAL ITEM: Administration (February 7, 2017)

To set a date in April for a public hearing on school choice.

PRIOR ACTION:

2-16-17 - Set the date of Thursday, April 27, 2017.
4-27-17 - It was moved to participate in School Choice for the 2017-18 school year.
On a roll call of 7-0, the motion was approved.
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BACKUP:

If the School Committee votes to participate in School Choice, it does not recommend amending the School Choice Policy because each student who is accepted into School Choice at a given grade level in a school each year can only be determined at the beginning of the school year, based on space availability. There would be no way to guarantee available space prior to that time.

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Accept and file.

PRIOR ACTION (continued)

4-27-17 - Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:
(continued) Request that the School Committee approve for the 2017-18 school year, the following language for implementation of the School Choice Policy:

Student enrollment in the Inter-District School Choice program is based on availability

- Parent/guardian is responsible for transportation to the district school
- All Pre-K to Grade 12 schools participate in the program with the following exceptions:
 - Chapter 74 approved programs in the comprehensive high schools
 - Chapter 74 approved programs at Worcester Technical High School
 - Alternative Pathway Programs
 - Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education (SLIFE) Pathway Programs
- Students accepted into the Inter-District School Choice program may apply for schools on the same basis as resident students, but the Intra-District Choice Plan (Voluntary Transfer) may give preference to resident students in assigning students to schools.

To obtain information regarding the Inter-District School Choice program, please contact the Parent Information Center (508) 799-3194 or the Office for Instruction and School Leadership at (508) 799-3499.

Request that the Administration, prior to the School Choice vote next year, provide language that would address the special preference for inter-district students who are siblings of School Choice students in a particular school.

On a roll call of 7-0, the motions were approved.