

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: School Choice Vote

Date: May 11, 2021

Dept: School Committee

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: yes

Recommendation:

School Choice Vote

I recommend not accepting any new School Choice students for the 2021-2022 School year.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

Vote Tabulator

A Bergen: Y / N T Keenan: Y / N

J D'Angelo: Y / N M J Scofield: Y / N

J Pond-Pfeffer: Y / N D Spencer: Y / N

E Stokes: Y / N Action: _____



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To: Franklin School Committee

From: Sara E. Ahern, Ed.D.

Date: May 5, 2021

RE: School Choice

Public school choice is permitted by Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 76, Section 12B. Local school committees are assumed to participate in public school choice unless a vote to opt out of public school choice is taken by the School Committee prior to June 1.

We have not participated in accepting school choice students since the 2007-08 school year. History of School Choice in Franklin is attached.

Every year, we do get inquiries from families about whether or not Franklin permits school choice. Given the ongoing examination of Facilities Use by the District and School Committee, including potential redistricting, this may not be a good time for consideration. The Committee may wish to consider permitting school choice in the future during the development of future budgets.

I recommend that the Franklin School Committee vote to not accept any new public school choice students for the 2021-2022 school year.

School Choice History 2003 - 2020

Year	Applied	Accepted to Elementary Schools	Accepted to Middle Schools	Accepted to High School	New Accepted	Total
2003-2004	28	7	6	4	17	14
2004-2005	52	14	7	3	24	25
2005-2006	42	8	1	0	9	28
2006-2007	42	9	2	11	22	54
2007-2008	74	27	1	11	39	76
No NEW School Choice Students Accepted – below are carryover of students already in.						
2008-2009	0	25	8	23	0	56
2009-2010	0	18	5	16	0	39
2010-2011	0	12	7	11	0	30
2011-2012	0	6	7	7	0	20
2012-2013	0	2	9	5	0	17
2013-2014	0	2	7	4	0	13
2014-2015	0	0	3	7	0	10
2015-2016	0	0	1	6	0	7
2016-2017	0	0	1	6	0	7
2017-2018	0	0	0	3	0	3
2018-2019	0	0	0	2	0	2
2019-2020	0	0	0	1	0	1
2020-2021	0	0	0	0	0	0