

**Franklin Public Schools  
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

**Action Required**

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**Subject:** School Choice Vote

**Date:** May 12, 2020

**Dept:** School Committee

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**Reason:** Required Vote

**Enclosure:** yes

**Recommendation:**

School Choice Vote

I recommend not accepting any new school choice students for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Action Requested of the School Committee:**

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u><b>Vote Tabulator</b></u>	
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 7, 2020**

**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.

Every year, we do get inquiries from families about whether or not Franklin permits school choice. Given the data the School Committee is considering related to enrollment and facilities, this may not be a good time for consideration. The Committee may wish to consider permitting school choice in the future; this would be a good topic to discuss during budget development.

I recommend that the Franklin School Committee vote to not accept any new public school choice students for the 2020-2021 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