

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: School Choice Vote

Date: May 14, 2019

Dept: School Committee

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: yes

Recommendation:

School Choice Vote

I recommend that the School Committee vote to not accept any new School Choice students for the 2019-2020 school year.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

Vote Tabulator

A. Bergen: Y / N

D. Schultz: Y / N

C. Douglas: Y / N

MJ Scofield: Y / N

D. Feeley: Y / N

G. Zub: Y / N

M. Linden: Y / N

Action: _____



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To: Franklin School Committee

From: Sara E. Ahern, Ed.D.

Date: May 14, 2019

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.

Your packet contains school choice numbers for Franklin Public Schools. We have not participated in accepting school choice students since the 2007-08 school year.

Although school choice could bring revenue (\$5000 per incoming student) during a difficult year financially for the district, I recommend that the Franklin School Committee vote to not accept any new public school choice students in the 2019-20 school year.

Should the School Committee wish to consider school choice in the future, I would recommend that the conversation be built into the budget development process beginning with the budget workshop in the fall.

School Choice History 2003 - 2019

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