



Update on Batch 1 Kindergarten Assignment

Salem Public Schools
School Committee Presentation
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Batch 1 Kindergarten Applications

- **We had 266 applications in Batch 1**
 - 81 were siblings – all assigned together
 - The group was about even with 50% low-income and 50% non-low income
- **Applied 2018 enrollment targets**
 - Seats apportioned and assigned by income category
- **Assignments mailed on 4/30**
 - Waiting lists will be assessed and finalized next week

Assignment Example: How it Works

- **10 total spaces**
 - Enrollment Target: 60%/40%
- **20 total applicants**
 - 5 are low income
 - 15 are non-low income
- **Assignments**
 - 5 low-income assigned
 - 4 non-low income assigned
- **Wait List**
 - 11 non-low income on WL

Low Income	10 Spaces	Non-Low Income
6	Total Spaces	4
5	Applicants	15
5	Assigned	4
1	Spaces Left	0
0	Wait List	11

Choices Received

Choice Received	Number of Applicants	Percentage of Applicants
1 st Choice	206	77%
2 nd Choice	25	9%
3 rd Choice	5	2%
None of their choices	10	4%
N/A <i>(Carlton Winter/Spring)</i>	20	8%

88% of applicants received one of their three choices

Initial K Assignment Results

Bates Elementary School

63 Total Spaces	Low Income 50%	Non-Low Income 50%
Available	31	32
Assigned	22	32
Spaces Left	9	0
Waiting List		

Witchcraft Heights School

99 Total Spaces	Low Income 60%	Non-Low Income 40%
Available	59	40
Assigned	33	40
Spaces Left	26	0
Waiting List		

All waiting lists are currently being calculated and will be finalized this week

Now and Next Steps

- **Reviewing all applications for accuracy**
 - Verifying income category classifications, data entry
- **Reaching out to all families who did not get one of their choices**
 - Explain policy, answer questions, discuss next steps
- **Receiving Confirmation Forms (ongoing)**
 - BACS lottery (next one is 5/17)

Now and Next Steps

- **Finalize waiting lists (this week)**
 - Families who did not receive any of their 3 choices in Batch1 will receive priority on the waiting lists
 - All others to be in rank order by proximity
- **Assess available spaces, if any**
 - Contact families on waiting lists (by order of priority) as spaces become available
- **Continue processing Batch2 applications**
 - Batch 2 assignments sent first week of July