



# Update on Batch1 Kindergarten Assignment

**Salem Public Schools**  
**School Committee Presentation**  
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# Batch 1 Kindergarten Applications

- **We had 266 applications in Batch1**
  - 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 <sup>st</sup> Choice	206	77%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	25	9%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	5	2%
None of their choices	10	4%
N/A (Carlton Winter/Spring)	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