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# Equitable Access to Choice Schools

Weighted Enrollment Lottery Policy and Other Key  
Factors to Success

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# Choice Schools in MVWSD

# Connections to SP2027 and Equitable Access

- Goal Area #5: Equitable distribution of resources that support student success
  - Ensure facilities and resources equitably serve all students
- Goal Area #3: Inclusive and Supportive Culture
  - Expand stakeholders' access to the systems and strategies used to support student learning

# Goals and Objectives:

## Today's Objectives:

- ❑ Review updated Board Policy 5115AR(b) and provide feedback in order to approve revision on 11/3 BOT meeting
- ❑ Get an update on:
  - ❑ Calculated weights used during lottery for 23-24 school year
  - ❑ Threshold for SED Level 1 and SED Level 2 student populations used during lottery for 23-24 school year



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# Policy Language

# What's staying the same?

- Sections 1-3
  - Will remain in the lottery as previously outlined
  - All siblings will be prioritized for admission, followed by school and district staff, in line with current priorities

# What's changing?

- Section 4:
  - Priority 9: Once applicants of siblings and staff have been placed, weighted lottery will provide boost for SED Level 1 and SED Level 2 students using the 'extra entries' method
  - New overview of weighted aspect of lottery added here
- Section 5:
  - Number of 'additional entries' will be calculated annually based on applicant pool to support goal of parity with district's overall population of SED students
  - Methods and thresholds for SED Level 1 and 2 indicators detailed in this section

# What's changing?

- Section 6:
  - Language added to describe conditions of assigning weight to student groups
  - Methods and thresholds for additional weights detailed in this section
- Section 7:
  - Language added to describe final priority group as all others pursuant to an interdistrict transfer and new to either Choice Program



# What about the waitlist?

- SED Level 1 and SED Level 2 students also receive a boost on the waitlist:
  - ‘Extra entries’ into the lottery means SED Level 1 and SED Level 2 students have additional opportunities to receive a higher placement on the waitlist
  - Does not mean if an SED student leaves the school, the seat will automatically be filled by another SED student



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# Annual Calculation to be applied to lottery for 2023-24

# SED Thresholds for 23-24 lottery

- **“SED Level 1 Students”**: Classified as SED by CDE (family income, direct CERT or parent education) OR family income below 185% of federal poverty level OR students with parents who have not graduated high school\*
- **“SED Level 2 Students”**: Family income half or less of Mountain View’s median family income (\$204,000, less than half would be \$104,000 or less) OR students whose parents are not high school or college graduates \* (Based on 2021, 1-year ACS data available here: <https://data.census.gov/>)

\* Students may qualify under any above criteria, but do not accumulate ‘extra’ lottery entries for meeting more than one criteria

# Weights for Student Groups

- Used the enrollment and applicant data from the prior school year (2021-2022) to be able to determine weights with enough time to ensure transparency in communication before start of enrollment for new families
- Step 1: Determined enrollment target for SED students and determine eligible student populations
  - Target: 27% SED enrollment aligned with district average
  - At Mistral, 50% of applicant pool is SED so no additional weight is awarded for SED applicants at this site for this coming school school

# Weights for Student Groups

- Step 2: Determine weights for SED students at eligible schools for 23-24 school year
  - SED Level 1 students will receive a weight of 5, meaning 4 added entries into lottery
  - Calculations determined for SED Level 2 students is 1 less than SED Level 1, which means Level 2 students will be given 3 added entries into lottery for a total weight of 4
  - These figures will change every year based on applicant pool and district enrollment averages of previous year



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# Next Steps

# Weighted Lottery Policy

- Feedback on Policy: What revisions (if any) need to be made?
- Feedback on Weight calculations or SED thresholds: What revisions (if any) need to be made?