

RESOLUTION ON SCHOOL DISTRICT STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF OPTION ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Dorchester Public Schools is committed to providing an education of high quality to its students in an economically efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the school district's faculty, facilities, and equipment can serve only a limited number of students effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Dorchester Board of Education, in consultation with the administration, has reviewed the school district's faculty, facilities, equipment, interdisciplinary efforts and interrelationships of grades, subjects, and faculty; and has determined the maximum number of students it can serve effectively at any given grade level and in total;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board adopts the following standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications:

Programmatic Capacity. The board declares the following programs to be at capacity such that no option applications into any of the following will be accepted: Special Education Program, English Learners

Other Standards. The school district shall not accept an option student when acceptance of the student:

- (a) Would increase the operating costs of the school district, such as by requiring the hiring of new staff or contracting with outside entities to provide services to the student;
- (b) Would require the procurement of new equipment, technology, or furnishings;
- (c) Would cause or require the rearrangement of caseloads for staff and contracted professionals;
- (d) Is reasonably deemed by appropriate school staff to pose a potential risk to the health or safety of students or staff;
- (e) May pose a risk of adversely affecting the quality of educational services being provided to resident students, as determined by appropriate school staff.

After the above resolution was read, board member Mike Hatfield moved for passage of the motion. Board member Matt Hansen seconded the motion. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor

of the motion: 5-0 (Matt Hansen, Mike Hatfield, Shelly Lehr, Kelli Schweitzer, and Steve Vyhnalek). Absent: Carol Schnell

Having been consented to by a majority of the voting members, the board president declared the motion to have been passed and adopted.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2021.



President, Board of Education