

# Shrewsbury Public Schools

## School Choice Hearing and Recommendation

2016-2017

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# Topics

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# State Law MGL c.76 s. 12B

- All Massachusetts school districts are required to accept the inter-district School Choice Program unless they vote annually to opt out by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- On an annual basis, school districts may opt out completely or opt-in on a limited basis determined by the School Committee

# Program Administration

- School districts must report their vote each year to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education [DESE]
- If a district accepts School Choice students, they are responsible for communicating this to prospective parents/students
- If a limited number of seats are available and more students are interested than available seats, the school district must select students on a random basis without discrimination
- Receiving Districts must notify both D.E.S.E. and the Sending Districts of enrolled students
- The Receiving District may bill the Sending District for any special education services provided to School Choice children
- School Choice students who require an out-of-district placement become the financial responsibility of their resident district

# Non-Discrimination Requirement

- *“...no school committee shall discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need or academic performance or proficiency in the English language.”*

# Rights and Responsibilities of Accepted Students

- Once enrolled in a “*receiving district*”, a School Choice student has the right to continue attendance through grade 12.
- School Choice students have the same rights to all educational and co-curricular programs as resident students under the same terms and conditions
- Receiving Districts are not required to provide School Choice students with transportation

# Overview Recommendation

- Grades 5 and 6; Sherwood Middle School
  - 15 students total
- Grades 2 and 4; Paton Elementary and Spring Street Elementary Schools
  - 15 students total between the two schools

# Projected Class Size Impact: Sherwood Middle School

Without School Choice			
	Projected Enrollment	Classrooms	Projected Class Size Average
Grade 5	482	20	24.1
Grade 6	478	20	23.9

With School Choice					
	Projected Enrollment	School Choice Students	Revised Enrollment Projection	Classrooms	Projected Class Size Average
Grade 5	482	5	487	20	24.4
Grade 6	478	10	488	20	24.4

# Projected Class Size Impact: Spring Street School

Without School Choice			
	Projected Enrollment	Classrooms	Projected Class Size Average
Grade 1	60	3	20.0
Grade 2	78	4	19.5
Grade 3	68	3	22.7
Grade 4	85	4	21.3

With School Choice					
	Projected Enrollment	School Choice Students	Revised Enrollment Projection	Classrooms	Projected Class Size Average
Grade 1	60	0	60	3	20.0
Grade 2	78	5	83	4	20.8
Grade 3	68	0	68	3	22.7
Grade 4	85	2	87	4	21.8

# Projected Class Size Impact: Paton School

Without School Choice			
	Projected Enrollment	Classrooms	Projected Class Size Average
Grade 1	76	4	19.0
Grade 2	79	4	19.8
Grade 3	92	4	23.0
Grade 4	83	4	20.8

With School Choice					
	Projected Enrollment	School Choice Students	Revised Enrollment Projection	Classrooms	Projected Class Size Average
Grade 1	76	0	76	4	19.0
Grade 2	79	4	83	4	20.8
Grade 3	92	0	92	4	23.0
Grade 4	83	4	87	4	21.8

# Projected Fiscal Impact

Grade Level	Students	Notes
Grade 2	9	
Grade 4	6	
Grade 5	5	
Grade 6	10	
Maximum Allowed	30	
Expected 75% FTE Enrollment	22.5	Not fill all seats all year
Annual Tuition Received per Student	\$ 5,000	Set by State Law
Budgeted Total Revenue	\$ 112,500	Funds used to offset teacher salaries
[22.5 FTE x \$5,000]		

# Recommendation

- Vote to allow limited School Choice on the following basis for the 2016-2017 school year:
  - Grade 2: 9
  - Grade 4: 6
  - Grade 5: 5
  - Grade 6: 10
  
- Total 30