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To:Members of the Bedford School CommitteeFrom:Cliff Chuang, SuperintendentDate:March 26, 2024Subject:School Choice Vote 2024-2025

Per MGL 76:12B, school districts are required to take a school choice vote annually. Per Bedford School Committee Policy File: JFBB-School Choice:

It is the policy of this school district to not admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Interdistrict School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12B). This decision will be reaffirmed each school year prior to June 1st by a vote of the School Committee following a public hearing.

Any decision to initiate participation in the state's interdistrict school choice program would require extensive community discussion and stakeholder input, particularly given Bedford's current partnerships with METCO and Hanscom Airforce Base. Accordingly, I recommend that the school committee reaffirm its current policy not to admit non-resident students through Interdistrict School Choice.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Recommended Motion: The Bedford Public Schools School Committee votes to decline to participate in Interdistrict School Choice for the 2024-2025 school year.

Reference Documents:

- BPS School Committee Policy File: JFBB-School Choice
- <u>MGL 76:12B</u>