



March 9, 2017

To: Members of the Board of Education
Jennifer Cheatham, Superintendent of School

From: Dylan Pauly, Legal Counsel

Re: New Magnet School Policy

We are currently working through the final steps of transitioning James C. Wright Middle School from a charter school to a magnet school. As part of that process, we have developed a draft magnet school policy. The purpose of the policy is to provide a common, local definition of the terms “magnet school” and “magnet program.” The draft policy also sets forth the basic methods for developing magnet schools and program.

It is recommended that the Board approve Board Policy 10,100 (Magnet Schools and/or Programs) as set forth in the materials prepared for the March 27, 2017 Regular Meeting, effective immediately.

Following approval of the policy, the Board is also being asked to formally recognize Spring Harbor as a magnet school pursuant to and in accordance with Policy 10100. Given Spring Harbor’s history, we do not believe it is necessary or appropriate for a new proposal process. Essentially, the school would be grandfathered into the policy.

It is recommended that the Board formally recognize Spring Harbor Middle School as a magnet school pursuant to Board Policy 10100.

Finally, material related to Wright’s transition from a charter school to a magnet school will be provided in April for your review and approval.