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Hello Families,

One of the many strengths of the School District of La Crosse is the variety of opportunities and choices offered to families, especially when it comes to school choice; we recognize that one size does not fit all. School enrollment occurs in a variety of ways, for example, every student is guaranteed enrollment in their neighborhood (boundary) school, which is determined by the student's home address. Families also have the opportunity to request something other than their boundary school through the intradistrict transfer application.

This letter is intended to inform you of the application process, along with the choices available to you.

You **do not** need to apply for an intradistrict transfer if:

- your child has already been accepted to a choice or charter school, or
- your child has previously been approved for a boundary exemption, or
- you wish for your child to remain at their boundary school.

**WHEN AND HOW DO I APPLY?**

Families may apply between **February 1st and April 30th**. Families must complete an online intradistrict transfer application at [www.lacrosseschools.org/intradistrict-transfers/](http://www.lacrosseschools.org/intradistrict-transfers/).

If you do not have access to a computer or internet access, you can fill out an online application at your current school, at the Hogan Administration Center in our Welcome Center, or visit your local public library computer lab.

**HOW DO I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION IS APPROVED?**

All applications are considered. The completion of an application is not a guarantee of placement. Your application may be approved, denied, or placed on a waitlist. Every effort will be made to communicate the status of your application by May 30th.

**WHAT IF I APPLY AFTER APRIL 30TH?**

Applications received after April 30th will be considered on an individual basis.

**WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?**

Information about all charter, choice, and boundary schools can be found on the School District of La Crosse Intradistrict webpage, [www.lacrosseschools.org/intradistrict-transfers/](http://www.lacrosseschools.org/intradistrict-transfers/). **Should you have any questions about a specific school, contact that school's principal.**

**What is a charter school?** Charter schools are public, nonsectarian schools created through a business-like contract or "charter" between the charter governance board and the sponsoring school board or other chartering authority.

**Charter School Options:**

Elementary - Coulee Montessori, School of Technology & Arts (SOTA I), Coulee Region Virtual Academy

Middle School - Coulee Montessori Adolescent Program and School of Technology & Arts (SOTA II)

Middle/High School - La Crosse Polytechnic School (Virtual Option Available), Coulee Region Virtual Academy

**What is a choice school?** Choice schools include students from the boundary attendance area as well as students that choose to attend through the choice and charter process. These schools deliver curriculum using a thematic approach or have a unique calendar.

**Choice School Options:**

Elementary - Hamilton Early Learning Center (Year-Round), Northside Elementary School (Year-Round), North Woods

International School - International Baccalaureate, and Summit Environmental School

Middle School - Logan Middle Spanish Partial Immersion

**What is a boundary school?** Boundary schools are based on your home address within the School District of La Crosse.

**WHAT IF MY FAMILY LIVES OUTSIDE OF LA CROSSE AND WE WISH TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE?**

We welcome all students and families! If you do not live within the School District of La Crosse boundary or have moved outside the district but wish for your child to attend the School District of La Crosse, please watch for information regarding the Wisconsin Open Enrollment Application Period, starting at the beginning of February through the end of April. If you have previously applied and been approved for open enrollment, you do not need to reapply.

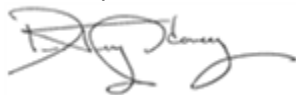
Transportation is the responsibility of the parent for open enrolled students. **For more information, contact Michelle Wozney, 608.789.7651, or [mwozney@lacrossesd.org](mailto:mwozney@lacrossesd.org), or visit <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.**

**IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?**

Transportation is provided for choice programs and charter schools. As previously mentioned, for all other intradistrict transfer requests, transportation is the responsibility of parents/guardians. For more transportation information, [Transportation for Intradistrict Transfers](#)

The School District of La Crosse has outstanding educational options and we are thrilled to partner with you as you explore the most authentic match for your learner(s).

Sincerely,



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