

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**10/9/2017**  
**CCSD Board of Trustees Workshop**

**10/23/2017**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Action Item**  
**Information Only**

**Open Session**  
 **Executive Session**

**Section:**

CCSD Board of Trustees Workshop

**Title:**

Choice/Magnet Programs for 2018-19

**Originator/Department:**

Judith Peterson/ School Choice

**Agenda Item Number:**

**Background/Discussion:**

Academic Magnet High School opened in August 1988, and its student community reflected rather favorable the general population of CCSD. However, over time the school's community has reflected less and less the population of CCSD. In an effort to increase the ethnic diversity at AMHS and to increase the number of CCSD students admitted to AMHS, the CCSD Board of Trustees endorsed the implementation of the Top Two Initiative (See Board Action Item 9.1C, January 9, 2017.) Even with this initiative, the school remains approximately 85% white; 3.3% African American; 7.0% Asian; 3.4 % Hispanic, and 2% Other.

Action Plan for increasing ethnic diversity at AMHS, 2018 - 2019

Admission of the two students in each CCSD 8th grade program with the highest GPA, who meet the admissions' eligibility requirements for Academic Magnet High School:

- Students identified by school leadership/guidance as the top two in each 8th grade program will be invited to complete the application for admission to Academic Magnet High School, and each student who meets the admissions' standards for AMHS (at least 13.0 on the rubric) will be offered a place in the 9th grade for the 2018- 2019 school year.
- Students identified by school leadership/guidance as the top two in each 8<sup>th</sup> grade program who complete the application for Academic Magnet High School and score 12.0 – 12.99 on the rubric will be invited to attend a series of Spring and Summer workshops designed to strengthen academic skills and to prepare a plan for successful matriculation at AMHS.
- Students who successfully complete the spring/summer workshops and demonstrate skills, work ethic and motivation that are likely indicators of success at AMHS will be enrolled.

It is expected with this addendum that each middle school and K-8 program in CCSD will have at least two students enrolled at AMHS.

If time permits, staff may also discuss other proposed Magnet/Choice adjustments.

<b>Goals &amp; Budget:</b>	See Attached Budget and Program Description	
<p><b>Recommendation:</b> CCSD Board of Trustees approve extending an invitation to the top two highest ranking students in each Charleston County School District 8<sup>th</sup> grade program to apply for admission to Academic Magnet High School for the 2018 - 2019 school year with the understanding that they must meet the admissions criteria of scoring 13.0 or higher on the current rubric. Students scoring 12.0 – 12.99 on the rubric who attend and successfully complete a series of Spring and Summer workshops designed to strengthen academic skills and to prepare a plan for successful matriculation at AMHS will be accepted into Academic Magnet High School for the 2018 – 2019 school year.</p> <p>If time permits, the staff may recommend other Choice/Magnet adjustments for 2018-19.</p>		
<b>Person(s) Responsible for Implementation:</b>	Judith Peterson, Dr. Barbara Rabon	
<b>Superintendent's Approval:</b>	<i>Genita Portlewit</i>	
<b>Board Member(s) Approval:</b>		
<b>Attachment(s):</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No