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We hope everybody is having a nice week so far. Please contact enrollment.support@rsdla.net with any enrollment questions or concerns.

ACTION REQUIRED

FRIDAY: Main Round Seat Acceptance Deadline

The Main Round seat acceptance deadline is this Friday, May 15. Please review the following information carefully.

- What does seat acceptance mean?
 - Seat acceptance is a way for students to claim their seat assignments prior to the beginning of the school year, so families and schools can plan more effectively for the year ahead. Students who have claimed their seat and report to complete any remaining registration procedures may **not** be dropped prior to the beginning of the school year.
 - On May 15, schools will have the option to drop newly assigned students who have not accepted their seat from 2015-2016 rosters. This is optional.
 - Schools must either drop *all* students who have not completed seat acceptance, or drop *none* of them. Schools may **not** selectively drop a subset of applicants who did not complete seat acceptance.
- If you choose to drop students:
 - Schools that choose to drop students must complete and return the attached spreadsheet (“2015-2016 Seat Acceptance Roster Drops- SCHOOLNAME”) by this Saturday, May 16th at noon. The turnaround is quick so we can notify families that they lost their Main Round assignment with time for them to participate in Round 2.
 - The password on the spreadsheet is: mraccept. There are instructions on completing the spreadsheet included in the workbook and embedded comments. Please read these instructions carefully. **Submissions that are late, incomplete, or invalid will not be processed.**
 - Completed spreadsheets must be returned to Raymond.Cwiertniewicz@rsdla.net and enrollmentsupport@rsdla.net. The body of the email must include the criteria that your school used when dropping students for seat acceptance (e.g. “All students whom the school was unable to contact were dropped,” or “All students who did not submit all required seat acceptance documentation were dropped”). The declared criteria has to be applied equally to all newly assigned applicants.
 - **We require all schools to make a concerted effort to contact their students before instituting the seat acceptance deadline.** If you intend to drop students who do not register by May 15, our team will expect a minimum of three documented outreach efforts
- If you choose not to drop students:
 - Schools that do **not** wish to drop applicants who have not completed seat acceptance do not need to take any action.

It is particularly important the schools support students with no default placement (kindergartners, 8th graders, students in other terminal grades) through the seat acceptance process. Seat acceptance does not impact a family’s ability to participate in Round 2. Please let us know if you have any questions about submitting the spreadsheet, or seat acceptance generally.

UPDATE: Last Day for Placements

Please note that **the last day to receive a school placement for the 2014-2015 (current) school year** has been updated to **THIS Friday, May 15**. Parents who visit a Family Resource Center or school after this date should be advised to complete a Round 2 application for the 2015-2016 school year.

We will continue to make placements at schools with year-round programming only through June 5, 2015. If your school(s) are eligible to take part in the year-round placement schedule and would like to do so, please reach out to our team by the end of this week so our staff is prepared to communicate consistently with families.

Round 2 Target Updates

Schools may request an update to their targets by completing and returning the attached form by COB Wednesday May 20. By default, we will use the Main Round targets submitted by schools, and expect that most schools will not make updates. Forms must be completed in Microsoft Word, printed, signed, scanned, and returned to Raymond.Cwierniewicz@rsdla.net. Please return a pdf and word version of the update request.

ROUND ROBIN

Round Robin Update

The table below shows the current status of the Round Robin cycles for each grade. Note the Round Robin grades that have fewer than 10 school choices remaining (highlighted yellow). The Round Robin will be reset in these grades when there are only 4 school choices remaining and all non-exempt schools will re-open a Round Robin seat. Schools have the option of submitting an exemption request for future Round Robin cycles. Please refer to previous enrollment communication for more information on the exemption request process.

No Round Robin Cycles were reset this past week

| Grade | Cycle | Exemptions | Schools Chosen | Schools Remaining |
|-------|-------|------------|----------------|-------------------|
| K | 2 | 15 | 1 | 32 |
| 1 | 8 | 20 | 17 | 11 |
| 2 | 4 | 13 | 6 | 28 |
| 3 | 4 | 13 | 23 | 11 |
| 4 | 5 | 15 | 15 | 14 |
| 5 | 2 | 13 | 21 | 10 |
| 6 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 19 |
| 7 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 23 |
| 8 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 15 |
| 9 | 16 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| 10 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 10 |
| 11 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 7 |
| 12 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 7 |

Round Robin Progress Tracker

The Round Robin Progress Tracker below shows when each cycle in each grade has been reset and how long the previous cycles lasted. This should give your school an idea of how quickly the Round Robin has moved thus far.

| Grade | Cycle 1 | Cycle 2 | Cycle 3 | Cycle 4 | Cycle 5 | Cycle 6 | Cycle 7 | Cycle 8 |
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Transfers Period Closed

This serves as a reminder that Hardship Transfers will no longer be accepted for the remainder of the school year. If a family would like to change schools for the coming school year, and has not already submitted a OneApp, please ensure they are aware of the Round 2 timeline. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you believe a transfer is necessary for a student's health or safety.

End of Year Expulsion Procedures

In order for the Student Hearing Office (SHO) to facilitate a smooth close to the school year, the last day to recommend a student for an Expulsion Hearing is May 15, 2015 and the last day to submit a request for Disciplinary Conference will be this Friday, May 8, 2015. Schools may recommend a student for expulsion on a case-by-case basis through the last day of the academic year, though the hearing may be conducted after the academic year has closed. The school principal or designee must be in attendance to conduct an Expulsion Hearing. Expulsion recommendations upheld beginning May 25, 2015 will begin their expulsion terms on the first day of the 2015-2016 academic year. Please reach out to Dari Brumfield, dari.brumfield@la.gov, with any questions.

Thank you,

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