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We hope everybody is having a good week so far. Please contact support@enrollnola.org with any enrollment questions.

CRITICAL UPCOMING COMMUNICATIONS

In the next several weeks, schools can expect to receive several critically important communications from our team regarding the match and next steps. Please keep on the lookout for these alerts. If you do not receive one of the following communications from our team, please reach out to support@enrollnola.org as soon as possible.

This Week!

- **Thursday, 3/24**, you will have an opportunity to review your schools' profile(s) for accuracy and to correct any errors before publication. Please be on the lookout for this important communication. It will be the last opportunity to review profile information before publication.

Late March

- Match Review: you will have the opportunity to review the penultimate match to flag any discrepancies.

Early April

- Final Match: you will receive your school's final 2016-2017 Main Round rosters and will be able to begin reaching out to families.
- Placement results available.
- April 18: Round 2 launches.

UPDATES & MATERIALS

Student Placements & Seat Acceptance Overview

Our team will be preparing and executing the student placement process this month. Please review the following information regarding student placement notification and seat acceptance processes.

Student Placements

Placement results will be available **the week of April 4, 2016**. Please make sure that families who submitted an application are aware that **ALL applicants will receive notification, regardless of the placement results**.

- Families who applied online can view their placement results using the parent application portal. Instructions are on the EnrollNOLA homepage: <http://enrollnola.org/how-to-look-up-your-placement-results/>.
- Families who submitted an application with an email address listed, or who applied online, will receive their results at the email address they provided.
- All families will receive a notification letter at the address they provided on their application.

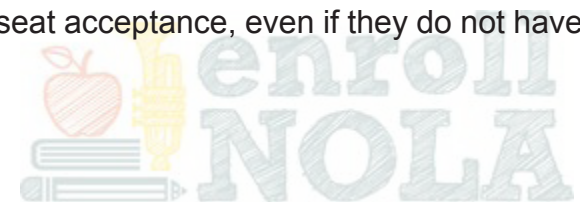
Notification will be delivered as expeditiously as possible after the match is declared final. If a family does not receive their placement results, or needs help, please direct them to a Family Resource Center, or oneapp@rsdla.net / 877-343-4773.

It is very important that families are aware of how to access their placement results, and what to do if they don't hear from our team. The Seat Acceptance Process is time-sensitive and its success depends on families' timely receipt of their award letters. We appreciate schools' help in ensuring that families who have moved or changed their contact info still receive their results.

Seat Acceptance

Placement at a preferred school is not the final step for students who have applied in this year's Main Round. Students must claim their newly awarded seat by participating in the Seat Acceptance Process. **The Main Round seat acceptance deadline will be Friday, May 20. This differs from prior materials stating that the deadline would be May 13.** This update was made in order to align our dates with Statewide registration deadlines. We apologize for the prior miscommunication.

- What is seat acceptance?
 - o 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. For schools, **enforcing the seat acceptance deadline is optional**.
 - o 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. Students who have claimed their seat and complete any remaining registration procedures may not be dropped prior to the beginning of the school year.
 - o On May 20, schools will have the option to drop newly assigned students who have not accepted their seat. Again, this is optional.
- How do students accept their seats?
 - o Students will be asked to bring in their seat acceptance form, which is delivered in the student notification letters, as well as registration documents such as parent identification, immunization records, birth certificate, etc., by May 20, 2016.
 - o Any student who appears on your 2016-2017 student roster must be allowed to complete seat acceptance, even if they do not have the seat acceptance form. Placement on a student roster acts as effective proof of placement.



More information on seat acceptance, notification, and student rosters will be shared in upcoming newsletters. Please support your transferring and new students through the seat acceptance process. It is particularly important that schools provide guidance to students with no default placement (kindergartners, 8th graders, students in other terminal grades). Seat acceptance does not impact a family's ability to participate in Round 2. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Family Resource Center Spring Break Schedule

All Family Resource Centers will be closed on Friday, March 25 in observation of Good Friday. Starting Monday, March 28 – Friday, April 1, both the Livingston FRC (New Orleans East) and Crocker FRC (Uptown New Orleans) will be closed. The Orleans Parish School Board FRC located at 3520 General DeGaulle Drive will be open during this time and will be available to assist families with enrollment needs. Please help ensure families are aware of this change in hours.

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.

Schools with current Round Robin exemptions are detailed on the schools' password protected webpage. If you do not have access to that page, please email support@enrollnola.org. Refer to previous enrollment communications for more information on the exemption request process.

Grade	Cycle	Exemptions	Schools Chosen	Schools Remaining
K		<i>Round Robin Not Initiated</i>		28
1		<i>Round Robin Not Initiated</i>		14
2		<i>Round Robin Not Initiated</i>		5
3		<i>Round Robin Not Initiated</i>		10
4		<i>Round Robin Not Initiated</i>		17
5		<i>Round Robin Not Initiated</i>		19
6		<i>Round Robin Not Initiated</i>		20
7		<i>Round Robin Not Initiated</i>		7
8		<i>Round Robin Not Initiated</i>		7
9	16	5	6	6
10		<i>Round Robin Not Initiated</i>		6
11	4	2	10	5
12	4	3	1	10



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Spring Testing and End-of-Year Transitions

To help ensure academic continuity, the Enrollment Transitions team will not process hardship transfers or expulsion recommendations during critical spring testing periods. Students who have requested an approved transfer requests, or whose expulsion recommendation has been upheld, will be transferred after testing is complete. After May 1, the Student Hearing Office will additionally apply increased scrutiny to expulsion recommendations, particular for Tier 2 and 3 offenses. Please contact stella.cziment@rsdla.net with questions regarding expulsion and transfer procedures.

Roster Accuracy

With the match approaching, it is particularly critical that SchoolForce rosters are accurate. All schools should be validating their rosters and making updates as necessary for the next month to ensure the correct students are reassigned to them.

Highlights from the 2016-2017 Main Round

We'd again like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their hard work and dedication during this year's Main Round. **We closed the Round with 15,774 total applications**, a significant increase from the 11,991 submitted last year. This overall increase was expected with the addition of INF – PK3 programs, plus more PK4 options.

Our online application completion % for K-12 saw a jump as well, finishing at 61%, up 12% from last year. This is a positive sign that families are increasingly able to access the application online, where they will have the ability to update their choices easily, provide an email address for faster notification, receive application receipts to review their choices, ensure all their students are linked as a family, view their placements results through the portal, and more. The application was exclusively online for Infant – PK4 applicants, and families were able to access and submit applications with the help of schools, early childhood centers, and community partners. We'd like to thank all our schools for working to give families internet access and support efforts to move to a more efficient online application process.

In addition to an overall increase, we saw several very encouraging trends, including a **96% completion rate among transitioning 8th graders**, up from 92% last year. **Transitioning 8th graders listed an average of 4.02 choices on their application**, approximately 0.7 more choices than last year, or almost a whole additional choice. These metrics together represent a tremendous success, testament to the efforts of all our schools to connect with their transitioning families and guide them through the application process. **14 schools had 8th grade application completion rates of 100%**. 29 Schools with a 95%+ completion percentage are highlighted below.

These schools did exceptional work supporting their transitioning students. Thank you for all you do for your families every day, and in collaboration with our team.



School Name	Completion %	Avg. # of Choices
Akili Academy of New Orleans	100%	4.04
Esperanza Charter School	100%	3.02
Fannie C. Williams Charter School	100%	4.79
FirstLine Schools: Arthur Ashe Charter School	100%	4.82
FirstLine Schools: Samuel J Green Charter School	100%	5.23
Gentilly Terrace Charter School	100%	4.52
Harriet Tubman Charter School	100%	4.08
Lafayette Academy Charter School	100%	5.10
Martin Behrman Charter School Academy of Creative Arts and Sciences	100%	3.47
McDonogh #42 Elementary Charter School	100%	3.35
Milestone Academy	100%	5.04
Paul Habans Charter School	100%	3.88
Pierre A. Capdau Charter School	100%	4.54
ReNEW Schaumburg Elementary	100%	3.56
KIPP Central City Academy	99%	1.94
Alice Harte Charter School	99%	2.77
Mildred Osborne Charter School	98%	5.42
ReNEW SciTech Academy	98%	3.77
KIPP McDonogh 15	98%	3.07
ARISE Academy	98%	6.67
Success Preparatory Academy	98%	5.34
ReNEW Cultural Arts Academy	97%	3.93
KIPP Leadership	97%	3.29
James M. Singleton Charter School	97%	4.28
McDonogh #32 Literacy Charter School	97%	3.90
ReNEW Dolores T. Aaron Academy	97%	3.56
FirstLine Schools: Langston Hughes Academy	96%	4.95
Andrew H. Wilson Charter School	96%	5.88
William J. Fischer Accelerated Academy	95%	3.46



KIPP Believe	94%	3.49
Joseph A. Craig Charter School	92%	4.39
Dwight D. Eisenhower Academy of Global Studies	91%	3.42
E. P. Harney Spirit of Excellence Academy	90%	4.15
Mary D. Coghill Elementary School	89%	4.19
Benjamin Franklin Elementary Mathematics and Science School	86%	4.04
ReNEW: McDonogh City Park Academy	85%	4.16
ENCORE Academy	84%	5.10
Medard H. Nelson Charter School	82%	3.71
FirstLine Schools: Phillis Wheatley Community School	71%	4.18
ALL SCHOOLS	96%	4.02

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Thank you,
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