

March 17, 2020

Dear Families of Worthington 6th graders:

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know those students and families whom we have met throughout our recruitment process. Based on the recommendations of Governor DeWine, along with Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D. MPH, we will be postponing all previously scheduled dates related to the application deadline or lottery for current 6th grade students and their families. **Final open house, application deadline, and lottery dates will be announced in the coming weeks.** Please see below for other pertinent information regarding Phoenix Middle School and our lottery process.

- **Open House for Prospective Families**
 - **This event has been postponed until further notice.**
- **New Parent Orientation**
 - We will plan to hold a New Parent Orientation shortly after the lottery for families whose students are selected. More information will be provided in the future.
- We are currently planning on continuing with our **Orientation/Open House after family acceptance post-lottery. Parents will need to provide transportation to and from Phoenix that morning.** More information will be provided to students who are selected.
- **Additional Information**
 - Phoenix Middle School Website: <https://www.phoenixms.org/>
 - [Frequently Asked Questions About Phoenix Middle School](#)
 - *Please note that only current students and families may register for the site. The information you will need as prospective families is available without registering for an account on the website.*

The application is currently live on the Phoenix website's homepage.

Application, Lottery, and Sibling Information:

- **To apply to be a Phoenix 7th grader for the 2020-2021 school year:** students must complete the current Phoenix Middle School Application (this is available to complete online at www.phoenixms.org) and **submit it to the website - Due Date Will Be Announced Pending Further Clarity From the State on the Remainder of the School Year**
- Students that have submitted completed applications on time will be entered into a lottery that will be held at the WEC **at a future date to be announced.**
- The Phoenix Middle School lottery is conducted at the district level; not the school. All questions about the lottery process should be referred to Jeanne Prest, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Neil Gupta, Director of Secondary Education, at 614-450-6015.

- Students will be drawn from the lottery on a **future lottery date** by neighborhood school.
- The McCord MS attendance area students (44 students) will be pulled from the lottery from 10:00 AM-10:30 AM; Kilbourne MS students (20 students) from 10:40 AM-11:00 AM; Worthingway MS students (20 students) from 11:10 AM-11:30 AM.
- To be eligible, students must be residents in the Worthington Schools when school begins Fall 2020.

The lottery will be live-streamed. Students are NOT required to be present at the lottery on drawing day to be eligible for a spot.

- Due to our lengthy, unique daily schedule, we allow current Phoenix families with a student who is in the 7th grade (moving to 8th grade in Fall 2020) to have automatic admittance for an incoming 7th grade sibling through the application and lottery process. **IMPORTANT: Even if the 6th grader has a sibling who is a current Phoenix 7th grader, the student MUST complete and submit an application. Students without applications WILL NOT be entered into the lottery, regardless of whether their sibling is in the current Phoenix 7th grade class.**
- FYI: The children of Phoenix staff can be a part of the new class after an application is submitted. The Phoenix staff's child does NOT take a seat in the lottery pool.

Final Notes

- If you have any other questions about the Phoenix Middle School program, please email Sean Flynn (sflynn@wsccloud.org), Beth Cullinan (bcullinan@wsccloud.org), or Robert Estice (restice@wsccloud.org).
- If you have any questions about the Phoenix Middle School lottery, please email Jeanne Prest (jprest@wsccloud.org).

Sincerely,

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