

## **MEMO**

**TO:** Board of Education  
Dr. John Simpson, Supt.

**FROM:** John M. Thomas

**DATE:** October 5, 2016

**RE:** VICC Student Enrollment Update

Attached is information that I will share at the board meeting on October 10, 2016. We are in year three of the five year extension of the Voluntary Transfer program that was approved unanimously by the VICC Board of Directors in October, 2012. The five year extension of the voluntary transfer program allows enrollment through the 2018-19 school year. At this point in time our VICC student enrollment is 134. The first attachment is an updated grid showing the number of VICC students previously and currently enrolled, and the projected enrollment through 2018-2019.

The second attachment is the WGSD BOE statement regarding VICC enrollment which I've revised to reflect the current school year and our target enrollment number. As is stated in the document the Webster Groves School District benefits from its participation in the VICC program. My recommendation is that if an extension of the program is developed by the VICC Board that the WGSD continues to participate.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call at 918-4378.

## **Board of Education Statement on Voluntary Transfer Program**

Students from the city of St. Louis have enriched the culture of the Webster Groves School District immeasurably. The district, in turn, has provided transfer students excellent educational opportunities. The Board of Education is proud of what the district has offered transfer students as well as what the students have accomplished. The school community values diversity and the educational goals it supports. However as the program ends and funding diminishes, the district would find it extremely difficult to continue to provide education for children who do not reside in the school community. The Webster Groves School District Board of Education is planning for the impact its conclusion will have on our students, community and school resources.

Through a decision by the board of directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation, which operates the program, transfers will cease in the 2018-19 school year. All children residing in the city of St. Louis who attend district schools at that time will be given the option to continue here through graduation. Funding for these students will continue as long as they remain in WGSD. The district, however, will not accept any new transfer students after that date. The district continues to enroll fewer children from the city of St. Louis, as the program's conclusion draws nearer.

For the 2016-2017 school year, the goal of the district is to maintain a total number of 134 students.

If you have any questions about the transfer program or the district's plans, please call Superintendent John Simpson or Student Services Director John M. Thomas at 961-1233.

# Webster Groves School District Transfer Students

WGSD - VICC Students October 5, 2016

Year	Total New*	Kgn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2005-06		9	18	26	26	26	23	22	31	31	34	37	38	31	352
2006-07		15	13	20	24	25	27	25	22	30	35	33	31	34	334
2007-08		10	14	12	20	21	26	25	24	24	32	34	33	29	304
2008-09		13	9	13	15	20	19	24	24	25	26	31	32	29	280
2009-10		13	13	12	12	15	20	17	24	24	27	24	29	34	264
2010-11		11	12	12	13	12	16	20	16	25	26	27	23	33	246
2011-12		6	11	10	11	11	14	15	20	17	23	24	27	24	213
2012-13		7	6	11	12	9	11	15	15	23	17	21	21	25	193
2013-14		2	9	7	12	14	8	11	14	13	26	18	22	22	178
2014-15		6	3	9	8	12	13	7	11	13	13	27	19	22	163
2015-16		1	7	4	11	10	12	11	9	10	16	11	21	17	140
2016-17		2	1	7	5	12	10	12	12	10	10	18	11	24	134
2017-18	5**	0	2	1	7	5	12	10	12	12	10	10	18	11	110
2018-19	5**	0	5	2	1	7	5	12	10	12	12	10	10	18	104

\*Requested number of new students; grade level to be based on space availability

\*\* Subject to change based on BOE recommendation