

## MEMO

**TO:** Board of Education  
Dr. Sarah Riss, Supt.

**FROM:** John M. Thomas

**DATE:** August 20, 2015

**RE:** Transfer Student Enrollment Update

Attached is information that I will share at the board meeting on August 24, 2015. We are in two 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. As discussed this past June the goal for VICC enrollment during the 2015-2016 school year is 146. At this point in time the VICC student enrollment is 149.

For your information and/or review, I am providing a link to a video that provides an overview of the VICC program and a historical perspective of its development in the region. The video is of David Glaser, Chief Executive Officer of VICC, speaking to administrators of the Parkway School District and is the same information David presented to WGSD administrators, counselors and social workers in September, 2014.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCcHq6HAZ3U&feature=youtu.be>

This year we will also continue to receive children from the two unaccredited school districts in the area, the Normandy Schools Collaborative (NSC) and Riverview Gardens School District (RGSD). Over the summer Education Plus coordinated the placement of additional families from NSC and RGSD seeking to transfer to accredited districts. Through this process we were designated 2 students for enrollment in WGSD, one student from each district. Overall, we currently have 14 students who are enrolled in our schools from unaccredited school districts.

The first attachment is an updated grid showing the number of VICC students previously and currently enrolled, and the projected enrollment through 2018-2019. Likewise, the second attachment displays the number and grade distribution of students transferring from unaccredited school districts.

The last attachment is the BOE statement regarding VICC enrollment which I've revised to reflect the current school year and our target enrollment number.

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

# Webster Groves School District Transfer Students

## WGSD - VICC Students -August, 2015

Year	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	6	4	11	11	13	13	7	11	16	12	25	19	149
2016-17**	5	1	6	4	11	11	13	13	7	11	16	12	25	135
2017-18**	5	5	1	6	4	11	11	13	13	7	11	16	12	115
2018-19**	5	5	5	1	6	4	11	11	13	13	7	11	16	108

\*\* Five students to be accepted and grade level may change based on space availability

WGSD - Total Number of Students from Unaccredited School Districts-August, 2015

Year	Kgn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2013-14	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	2	4	1	0	4	1	20
2014-15	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	3	1	0	4	18
2015-16	1	0	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	14

WGSD - Students from the Normandy School District-August, 2015

Year	Kgn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2013-14	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	1	0	2	0	11
2014-15	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	9
2015-16	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	6

WGSD - Students from the Riverview Gardens School District-August, 2015

Year	Kgn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2013-14	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	9
2014-15	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	9
2015-16	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	8

## **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 2015-2016 school year, the goal of the district is to maintain a total number of 149 students.

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