

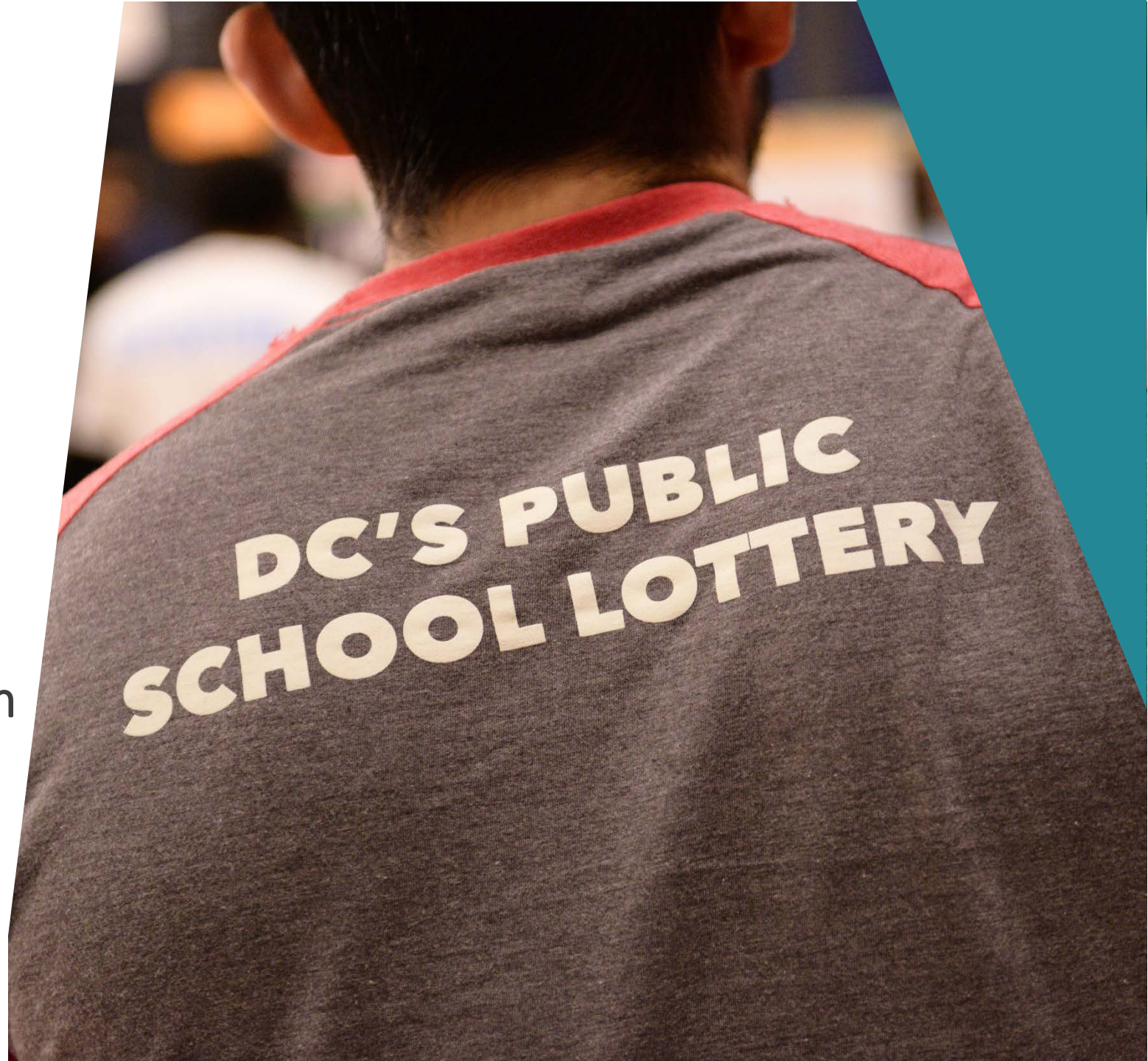
# Common Lottery Board

Special Meeting  
April 21, 2022



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- 05 | PAC's Recommendation
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# Common Lottery Board Roll Call

	Member	Organization
Voting Members	Paul Kihn (Recused)	Deputy Mayor for Education
	Daniela Anello	DC Bilingual PCS
	Emerald Becker	DC Public Schools
	Sujata Bhat	DC Public Schools
	Hilary Darilek	E.L. Haynes PCS
	Melissa Kim	DC Public Schools
	Charis Sharp	Latin American Montessori Bilingual PCS
Non-Voting Members	Michelle Walker-Davis	DC Public Charter School Board
	Christina Grant	Office of the State Superintendent for Education
	Amy Lerman	My School DC

# DCPS' Late Change Request

***“DCPS asks that MSDC administer an application and random lottery process, including building a waitlist if warranted by demand, for one PK3 classroom at Hyde-Addison to open in the fall.”***

## Additional context:

- DCPS previously made the decision not to offer PK3 at Hyde-Addison for SY22-23 but is reversing that decision.
- Up until now My School DC has only collected applications for PK4 - 5th grade Hyde-Addison applicants for SY22-23.

# My School DC Participation Agreement

## The LEA shall...

- not accept applications for new students for School Year 2022-2023 other than through the Lottery, except as provided in the policies and procedures of My School DC;
- not participate in, or operate, any school lottery to allocate LEA seats outside of or independent from the Lottery;
- comply with all policies adopted by the Board and updated in the **My School DC Policy Guide** for Participating LEAs.

# My School DC Policy Guide Language

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MSDC will not make exceptions and open a grade for post-lottery applications, unless the school has written approval from the DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) or DCPS central office. If MSDC receives a change request to any published data which has the likelihood of impacting an applicant's school selections and rankings on their application, such as changes to the school's existence, school name, operator, location or grades served, then those change requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

# My School DC Policy Guide Language

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The factors that MSDC will consider in making any changes to the published criteria on the lottery application and website are:

1. Whether such a change is finalized with approval from DCPS and DC PCSB;
2. How families have been notified or can be notified of the change;
3. Fairness to the total applicant pool and number of students impacted;
4. How much risk a late change will introduce into the stability of the common application and lottery for all schools; AND
5. How much time a family has to act on the change before the deadline for the impacted grade span.

# My School DC's Recommendation

MSDC staff **recommends that** this late change request to the MSDC application be **denied**, and that DCPS plan to include PK3 at Hyde-Addison in the common application for the SY23-24 lottery cycle.

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- ✗ How much time a family has to act on the change before the deadline for the impacted grade span.



# My School DC's Recommendation

Decision Making Factors	Primary Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✘ How families have been notified or can be notified of the change;</li><li>✘ Fairness to the total applicant pool and number of students impacted;</li><li>✘ How much time a family has to act on the change before the deadline for the impacted grade span.</li></ul>	<p><b>Fairness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thus far, there has been no alert to the public of a new PK3 school option.</li><li>• The lottery deadline has passed, the post-lottery period is well underway, and over 5,000 PK3 applicants have submitted applications so far. None were aware that Hyde-Addison PK3 was an option at the time of their application submission.</li></ul>

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<p>✘ How much risk a late change will introduce into the stability of the common application and lottery for all schools;</p>	<p><b>Trust and Precedent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schools look to precedent in MSDC decisions when evaluating their options regarding late changes. It is reasonable to assume if we do this for DCPS now, we will need to do it again in the future, either for DCPS or for charters.</li><li>• The charge of MSDC is to hold a fair and transparent lottery for families on behalf of schools.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Families hold MSDC accountable for the school information that we communicate to them from the start of the lottery cycle. It is critical that families <b>trust</b> our information, program and process - approving this request chips away at that trust.</li><li>• School leaders and staff <b>trust</b> that all schools are being held to the same standards. If DCPS is permitted to move forward with a plan that is against the rules stated clearly in their signed participation agreement – precedent will not stop them, or charter LEAs, from disregarding these rules in the future.</li></ul></li></ul>

# Parent Advisory Council Recommendation

DCPS' request was shared with the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) at their quarterly meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The PAC was strongly opposed to the request being approved.

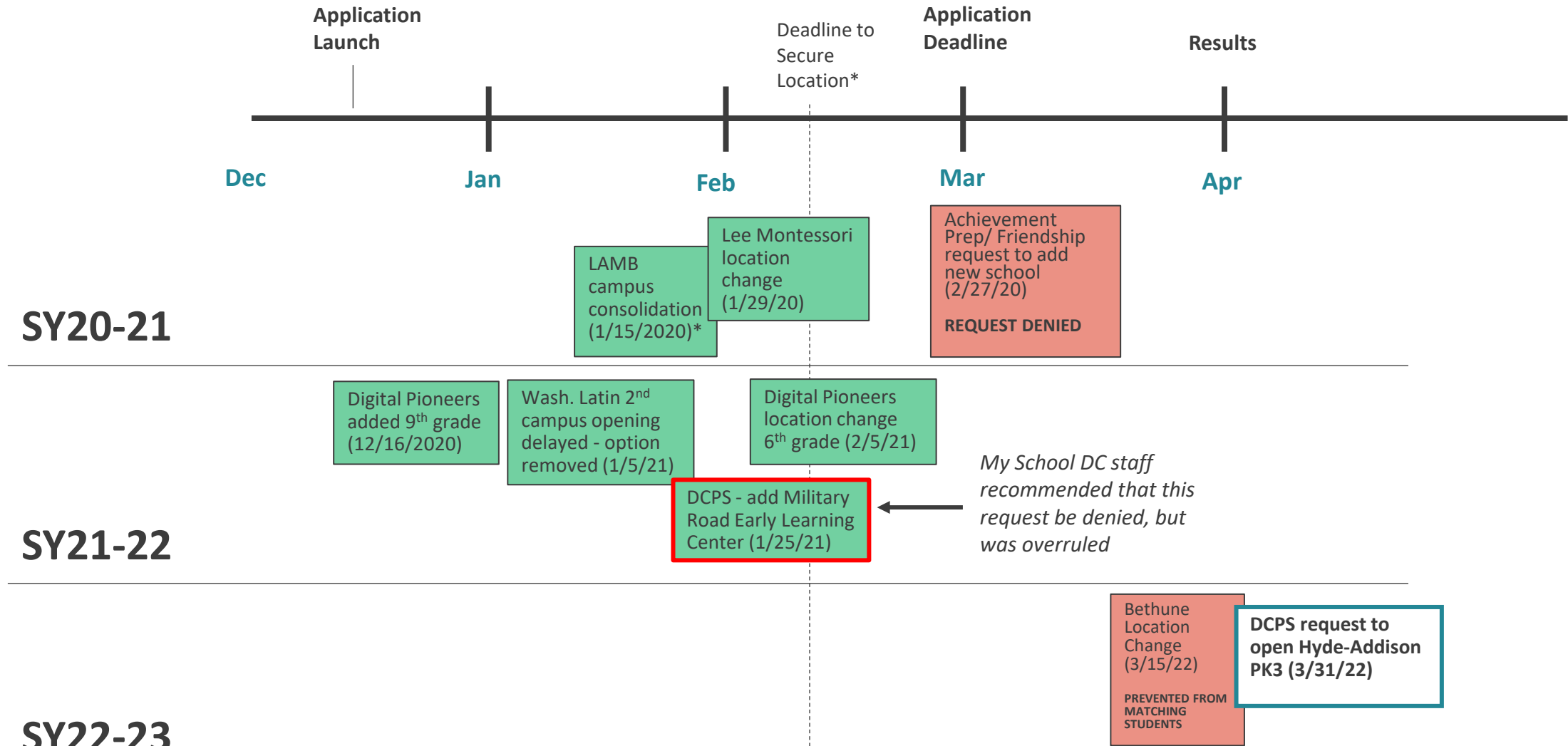
*“It is rare, if not unprecedented, for the PAC to issue its own statement on a matter before you instead of having it passed along during a staff presentation. This is to convey to the Board the impact we believe this seemingly minor request carries. The public’s conviction in the lottery as the most objective means available for parents exercising choice to pursue educational opportunities for their children is critical to the system’s success. As parents, we make this a priority of our council’s work and address it in often-painstaking detail. The underlying request allows for winners and losers in a way that is incompatible with the lottery’s objectives and should be denied. We want to reassure the Board that we have considered the impact of this decision from both sides and we have determined, as the Parent Advisory Council, that any potential benefits do not outweigh the serious and damaging ramifications to our lottery system should this measure be passed or allowed.”*

\*The full statement from PAC was shared with Common Lottery Board members ahead of this meeting.

# Discussion and Deliberation

# Appendix

# Late Changes in the Last Few Cycles



\*Schools are prevented from being matched with students if they do not have a secure location by February 9<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*LAMB applicants were notified at the time of application that a campus consolidation was likely to happen

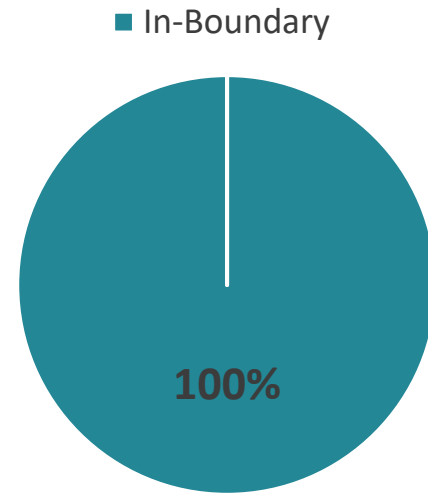
# Hyde-Addison Lottery Data

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Hyde-Addison received 337 PK3 lottery applications for 14 available spots.

- Included 30 applications from families in-boundary for Hyde-Addison.
- 25 of those 30 in-boundary PK3 applicants indicated that Hyde-Addison was their top choice

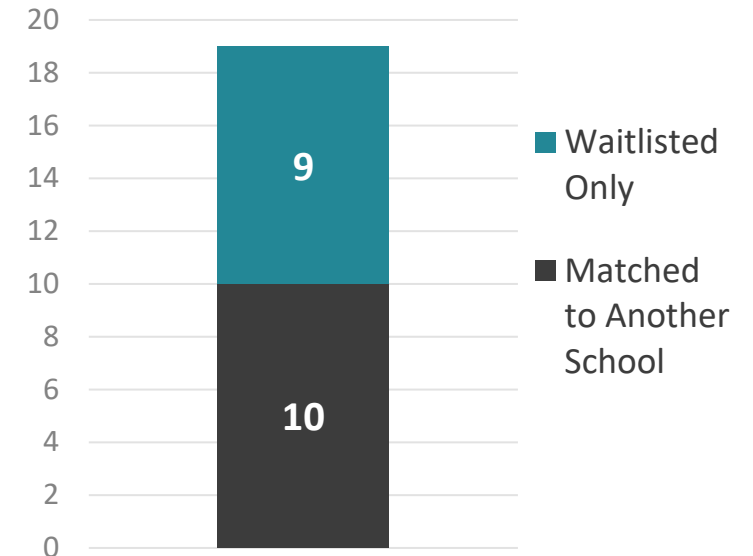
## Seats Filled by Preference Group



All 14 seats were awarded to in-boundary families.

Last Year (SY21-22)

## PK3 Applicants Living in Hyde-Addison's Boundary



19 in-boundary Hyde-Addison families submitted a PK3 application to at least one other school.

This Year (SY22-23)