INTERDISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE (FUNDING)

August 2012
HISTORY OF CHOICE IN NEW JERSEY

- Pilot program was passed in 2000
  - 5 year pilot ended in 2005
- Program was maintained for pilot districts (15) through 2010
- In June 2010, the legislature made the program permanent by passing the *Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Act of 2010*
HOW DOES CHOICE FUNDING WORK?

- Not like charter school funding!
- Basic premise: provide the local portion of the adequacy budget in the form of direct aid
- Equation for Choice Aid:

\[
\text{Choice District's Local Fair Share} = \frac{\text{Projected Enrollment}}{X \times \text{Choice Student Enrollment}}
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- Local Fair Share (LFS) is equal to Adequacy Budget less Equalization Aid
Funding Continued...

- For non-Adjustment Aid districts:
  - Choice aid will equal per pupil LFS amount times choice enrollment

- For Adjustment Aid districts:
  - Choice aid will be offset by the amount of Adjustment Aid the district receives
  - Could potentially see no net increase in state aid

- Year 1 – direct state aid only (Choice Aid)

- Year 2 and beyond – direct state aid plus students included in resident enrollment
  - Students will be recorded as resident students in the October ASSA count
2013-14 Enrollment Reporting

- January 14, 2013 Public Students (Tier 1)
- February 11, 2013 Non-Public (Tier II)
- Enrollment will be reported through the ASSA system.
Transportation is responsibility of district of residence

District of residence will receive the transportation aid for Choice students and will keep the levy collected for those students
| Document Name                                                                 | From:                                                                 | Sent or Brought to:                                      | Deadline        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|                                                                     |                                                          |                |
| **First Tier – Eligible Public School Students**                              |                                                                      |                                                          |                |
| Notice of Intent to Participate in the School Choice Program                  | Parent or Guardian of Eligible Public School Students                | District of Residence: Superintendent’s Office           | 11/2/2012       |
| Written confirmation to the parent that the student is eligible to participate in the school choice program | District of Residence: Superintendent’s Office | Parent or Guardian | 11/21/2012     |
| Student Application to choice district, *including written confirmation from district of residence* for public school students | Parent or Guardian public and non-public submits application to choice district | Choice District | 12/3/2012       |
| Choice district Notice of Conditional Acceptance or Rejection of the student's application | Choice District | Parent or Guardian | 12/21/2012     |
| Student's Notice of Intent to Enroll in the choice district (Public School Students only) | Parent or Guardian | Choice District | 1/4/2013        |
| **Enrollment Data: Public Students**                                         | Choice District                                                      | Department of Education                                  | 1/14/2013       |
| **Second Tier/Non Public**                                                    |                                                                      |                                                          |                |
| Choice District Notice of Acceptance or Rejection of the student's application | Choice District                                                      | Parent or Guardian of Non-Public School Student         | 1/25/2013       |
| Intent to Enroll Form                                                         | Parent or Guardian of Non-Public School Student                     | Choice District                                           | 2/4/2013        |
| **Enrollment Data: Non-Public Students**                                     | Choice District                                                      | Department of Education                                  | February 11, 2013|
| Transportation Requests                                                       | Choice District                                                      | Sending District                                          | March 15, 2013  |
FOR DISTRICTS SENDING TO A CHOICE DISTRICTS

- In Year 1 the district of residence will keep formula aid and local levy for Choice students.

- Starting in Year 2, the district will keep the local levy and receive only transportation aid for Choice students.
  - Students will not be recorded as resident students in the October ASSA count.
QUESTIONS

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