Mt. Washington Elementary School Middle School Discussion

Tuesday, October 30, 2012 6:30-7:30 p.m., MPR

Hosts: Pilar Buelna and David L. Moguel

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Purpose: to discuss middle school options for the LAUSD Choices application due November 16 that are reasonably close to us in terms of distance
 - a. Arroyo Seco Museum Science
 - b. Burbank MS Math/Science/Technology and Police Academy
 - c. Eagle Rock MS Gifted/Highly Gifted/High Ability
 - d. Starr King MS Environmental Studies, Gifted/Technology/Arts, Film and Media Magnet
 - e. Mt. Gleason MS Gifted/High Ability
 - f. Washington Irving Advanced Math, Music and Engineering
- 2. We will not be discuss ALL options available to us:
- a. LAUSD schools that are farther away, such as LACES, SOCES, Portola or 32nd Street, etc.
- b. LAUSD schools that are not part of CHOICES, such as Walter Reed or Nightingale MS
- b. Charter schools
- c. Private schools
- d. Other districts, such as Glendale and South Pasadena

However, we may host a Spring discussion on other options if you are interested

3. CHOICES application

We can apply for up to 3 magnet schools, but there was confusion at our meeting on whether it is best to select 1, 2 or 3 schools

Upon further investigation:

- a. The official explanation is in the CHOICES brochure, p. 16, Item #3
- b. An LAUSD "Central" Choices office person stated, over the phone, that another good source of information is consult the Magnet Coordinators of your schools of choice
- c. Apparently, there is an advantage to putting down only one choice. If you do not get into your 1st choice, but do gain admission to your 2nd or 3rd choice, then your 1st choice is no longer an option, and you will no longer be on the waiting list of your 1st choice, and you will lose your waiting list points.
- d. On p. 19 of the CHOICES brochure, information on a number of other LAUSD programs

is made available: applications for Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS), Open Enrollment, Charter Schools, and Local Zones of Choice.

4. TABLE OF SCHOOLS

We spent a few minutes talking about each of the schools on the table in the next few pages.

a) Almost all of the statistical information can be found at:

http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ar/

Click on "School Level API Reports"

b. Then, as Mt. Washington Elementary and Eagle Rock HS school parent, and LAUSD literacy coach Mylene Keipp pointed out in another email, there is a wealth of resources for each school.

Go to LAUSD's website (www.lausd.net) and click in Find a School. Choose the school & hit the Retrieve button.

Once you are at the school's informational page, find the Performance Indicators. The attachment shows where to find it. There are 8 different data points. The Data Summary Sheet offers multiple points for conversation. The School Report Card is based on surveys by teachers, parents, and students.

c) In the table below, the abbreviations mean as follows.

FRPL – Eligible participants in free or reduced-price lunch

GATE - Gifted and Talented Education Program

EL/RFEP – English Learners, Reclassified Fluent-English-Proficient Students

5. 6th GRADE at Mt. WASHINGTON

Parents in attendance compared notes

6. LOOKING AHEAD

- charter school applications available in January
- Walter Reed MS application due February
- interdistrict transfers in May

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