



LAKE STEVENS
School District

May 8, 2017

Dear Current Nonresident Choice Transfer Families:

As the Lake Stevens community continues to grow, our schools are becoming increasingly overcrowded. Our Board of Directors recently adopted a new policy that establishes capacities for each of our buildings. Several of our schools are over capacity and growth is projected to continue.

For the 2017-18 school year, the following schools have been determined to be at capacity:

- Glenwood Elementary School
- Highland Elementary School
- Hillcrest Elementary School
- Mt. Pilchuck Elementary School
- Skyline Elementary School
- Sunnycrest Elementary School
- North Lake Middle School
- Lake Stevens High School

As you know, nonresident students who are on a Choice Transfer must apply for admission to the district each year based on space availability. We are no longer able to accept nonresident students into any of our elementary schools or North Lake Middle School for the 2017-18 school year. **This includes nonresident students who are currently attending these schools in our district.**

We know this is very difficult for students and families who have spent multiple years in the Lake Stevens School District. We understand how much of an impact this has. We greatly value the contributions of all of our students and wish we were in a position to be able to continue to allow the admission of nonresident students at all schools. We apologize for the difficulty this may cause. We are contacting you now so that you have time to determine new school enrollment and child care arrangements prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year.

Lake Stevens Middle School

Lake Stevens Middle School (LSMS) has some enrollment capacity at this time. Currently enrolled nonresident fifth-graders and currently enrolled nonresident North Lake Middle School sixth-graders may apply for a Choice Transfer request to LSMS for the 2017-18 school year. Enrollment is not guaranteed but will be considered based on Policy 5020. Families still need to annually apply for a Choice Transfer in subsequent school years.

Cavelero Mid High School & Lake Stevens High School

Cavelero Mid High School has some enrollment capacity at this time. For the 2017-18 school year, applications for nonresident eighth-graders will be reviewed based on the application guidelines in Policy 5020. However, any nonresident students who attend Cavalero in the 2017-18 school year will be unable to advance to LSHS since it is currently over capacity and likely to remain that way. For this reason, current non-resident students may not wish to continue at Cavalero. It may be more beneficial for them to return to their resident districts since most other high schools are grades 9-12.

Lake Stevens High School (LSHS) has also been determined to be “at capacity” for any new students; however, any students who are currently enrolled at LSHS will be allowed to remain. Similarly, any ninth-grade student currently attending Cavelero will be allowed to continue to LSHS next school year. Families that fit these circumstances still need to apply for a Choice Transfer on a yearly basis.

Next Steps

If you have already submitted a nonresident application for the 2017-18 school year to a school that has been determined to be at capacity, you will soon receive an email that your request is denied based on capacity.

The enrollment application period for schools with capacity begins on Monday, May 15. Applications will be reviewed and responded to within 45 days of receipt. A copy of Policy 5020 Admission of Nonresident Students is attached.

If you have questions or need clarification regarding this policy, please call Kristi Morrow, Choice Transfer Coordinator, at the Educational Service Center at 425-335-1669.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "ABCook". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Beth Cook, Ed.D.
Superintendent