Elementary School Choice Worksheet

(Below is a list of proposals and features that the zoning committee is discussing. Please forgive the non-DOE language)

Choice Sub-Districts

Create large, geographic 'choice sub-districts,' offering admissions priority to residents.

Features:

Priorities:

☺Students would have admissions priority to multiple schools close to home within their choice sub-district.

☺Sibling Priority, first priority to applicants who have a sibling enrolled in their first-choice school.

☺Lines could be drawn such that every student has priority to a comparable number of schools; such that there are sufficient seats in each choice sub-district for all students who reside there

Admissions Process:

☺Parent have access to information about choices through the following means:

- ✓ A district six enrollment guide and directory
- ✓ Elementary school fairs
- ✓ Enrollment center
- ✓ Online video guide

☺Parents will only need to fill out one application.

☺All parents to choose the schools they want their children to attend by their own rank-order of preference *before* their child is enrolled in the school district.

☺Parents can obtain applications at any school or enrollment center.

☺Multiple Rounds. A second round for students that just moved in or for parents who those parents who feel the distance of the school they were matched with would create a hardship can apply again in a second round.

Cons:

☹Students may not be able to attend a school they desire that is closer to them because of the sub - choice district priority lines.

☹Families would no longer have priority to a zoned school

Walking Zone Priority

Admissions priority based on a walking distance, students can apply to any school in district.

Features:

Priorities:

☺Every school in District becomes a school of choice. Parents would have admissions priority to schools within a pre-determined walking distance and have the option to attend any school within the district.

☺Sibling Priority, first priority to applicants who have a sibling enrolled in their first-choice school.

Admissions Process:

☺Parent have access to information about choices through the following means:

- ✓ A district six enrollment guide and directory
- ✓ Elementary school fairs
- ✓ Enrollment center
- ✓ Online video guide

☺Parents will only need to fill out one application.

☺All parents to choose the schools they want their children to attend by their own rank-order of preference *before* their child is enrolled in the school district.

☺Parents can obtain applications at any school or enrollment center.

☺Multiple Rounds. A second round for students that just moved in or for parents who those parents who feel the distance of the school they were matched with would create a hardship can apply again in a second round.

Cons:

☹Families would have less of a chance of attending a school outside of their walking zone priority.

☹Families would no longer have priority to a zoned school

Pure Choice

Pure choice, with no priority based on proximity.

Features:

Priorities:

☺Every school in District becomes a school of choice.

☺All students would have the same chances of gaining admissions to all schools, regardless of proximity.

☺Sibling Priority, first priority to applicants who have a sibling enrolled in their first-choice school.

Admissions Process:

☺Parent have access to information about choices through the following means:

- ✓ A district six enrollment guide and directory
- ✓ Elementary school fairs
- ✓ Enrollment center
- ✓ Online video guide

☺Parents will only need to fill out one application.

☺All parents to choose the schools they want their children to attend by their own rank-order of preference *before* their child is enrolled in the school district.

☺Parents can obtain applications at any school or enrollment center.

☺Multiple Rounds. A second round for students that just moved in or for parents who those parents who feel the distance of the school they were matched with would create a hardship can apply again in a second round.

Cons:

☹Families would not have priority to current zoned school, and there is the potential that a student would be placed in a school that is not nearby.

☹Families would no longer have priority to a zoned school