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For Immediate Release

February 21, 2019 – The Richland Parish School Board is committed to providing for the maximum growth and development of every child in order that each student will demonstrate mastery of skills needed to be a life-long learner and useful citizen. In order to meet those needs, the Board must plan for the effective and efficient implementation of student services. Due to a decline in student enrollment which has significantly impacted school finances for several consecutive years, the Board will implement changes to operate in a sound fiscal manner and serve the greater school community as good stewards of taxpayer funding. The Board's Finance Committee had conversations regarding the 2019-2020 Grade Configuration and Transportation Zone Proposal on January 8, 2019 and February 4, 2019. The Board publicly received information on the proposal at its Executive Meeting on February 7, 2019 and its Regular Meeting on February 12, 2019. During a Special Session Meeting held on February 21, 2019, the Richland Parish School Board unanimously approved the 2019-2020 Grade Configuration and Transportation Zone Plan. The plan will make changes to schools pertaining to open enrollment transfer, grade configuration, and transportation zone.

The Richland Parish School Board will continue to offer School Choice transfer options to students who are enrolled in schools receiving a letter grade of D or F for the upcoming school year. All School Choice applications must be received from February 28, 2019 until April 12, 2019. No applications will be accepted after April 12, 2019.

OPEN ENROLLMENT TRANSFER

Richland Parish School Board Policy File: JBCC Student Assignment was revised to reflect the following:

A student who desires to attend a school outside of his/her zone of residency may apply for a transfer to another grade-appropriate school in another zone, which transfer will be granted with the following conditions:

- A. The student and/or his/her parent/legal guardian/custodian shall be responsible for transportation to and from the schools within the receiving zone;
- B. The student's application is received on or before the deadline set by the Superintendent;
- C. Capacity is available within the grade-level at the receiving school;
- D. The receiving school zone will be the student's home school zone for all purposes;
- E. The transferred student shall continue to be enrolled in the grade appropriate school in the receiving zone until and if a transfer back to the zone of residency is approved;
- F. No transfer from the receiving school back to the zone of residency shall be available except for a subsequent school year, which application must meet the deadline requirement;
- G. A student who is newly enrolled to a school will be eligible to access a transfer for the subsequent school year;
- H. A student granted a transfer remains subject to the rules and regulations of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association; and
- I. The transfer must not violate but must be in compliance with any placement or other requirement of a student's *Individualized Education Plan* or *Section 504 Plan*.

The Superintendent shall develop an administrative procedure which provides for the efficient, effective, and equitable implementation of this transfer policy. Open enrollment transfers will be accessed on a first come, first served basis.

The window for submission of Open Enrollment transfer applications will be from April 15, 2019 until May 24, 2019. No applications will be accepted after May 24, 2019.

## GRADE CONFIGURATION

The following changes will be made to select school grade configurations:

Delhi Elementary School – Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Delhi Middle School – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Holly Ridge Elementary School – Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students exiting Holly Ridge Elementary School will be zoned to attend Rayville High School

Rayville Elementary School – Pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Rayville Junior High School – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Start Elementary School – Pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## TRANSPORTATION ZONE

The following locations will now be included in the Delhi Transportation Zone:

Streets in the new addition includes Sun Road, Mimosa Drive, Cypress Lane, Holly Lane, Sycamore Lane, Walnut Lane, Carolyn Lane, Jamie Lane, Cedar Lane, Greenwood Place, Judy Beth Lane, and 303-638 Little John Drive as well as all residents who live south of I-20 in Delhi (east of Big Creek) will now be zoned for transportation by the Richland Parish School Board to attend Delhi Elementary School, Delhi Middle School, and Delhi High School.

The following locations will now be included in the Start Transportation Zone:

Cochran Road, Morgan Drive, Mounger Road, Cabuck Lane, Pilgrim Road, Boykin Road, Genet Drive, Greta Drive, Hammett Road, Lewis Road, Insurance Road, and 4724 - 4992 Highway 80 will be zoned for transportation by the Richland Parish School Board to attend Start Elementary School.

The following locations will now be included in the Rayville Transportation Zone:

Ellis Lane, Bob's Lane, Waldorf Street, 240-643 Church Street, 1105-1161 Rosa Street, Laura Street, Carvin Street, Theresa Street, South Circle Drive, North Circle Drive, Deborah Lane, Tuscany Way, Vineyard Lane, Finley Street and 4672 - 4723 Highway 80 will be zoned for transportation by the Richland Parish School Board to attend Rayville Elementary School and Rayville Junior High School.

Grade configurations and transportation zones not listed will remain the same for the 2019-2020 school year and beyond. Information pertaining to the 2019-2020 Grade Configuration and Transportation Zone Plan will be shared using school level parental involvement meetings, informational meetings, flyers, newsletters, marquees, and parent call systems.

Five parent/community informational meetings will be held as follows:

Feb. 28, 2019 at Holly Ridge Elementary School- 5:00 p.m.

March 4, 2019 at Start Elementary School Gymnasium- 5:00 p.m.

March 5, 2019 at Rayville Elementary Gymnasium for all Rayville Schools - 5:00 p.m.

March 7, 2019 at Mangham Junior High Gymnasium for all Mangham Schools- 5:30 p.m.

March 14, 2019 at Delhi High School Auditorium for all Delhi Schools- 5:00 p.m.

For more information pertaining to the plan, contact the Richland Parish School Board at (318) 728-5964 or access the Board's website at [www.richland.k12.la.us](http://www.richland.k12.la.us) .