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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: January 31, 2020

SUBJECT: Informational Update – C. Mercier – Req. number of school choice students

At the Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council on Tuesday, January 28th, a request for information was made by Councilor Mercier regarding the number of students who “choice out” to other public school districts in neighboring communities. In response to the inquiry, we reached out to the school district’s central administration for further information. According to the business office, there are 129 (non-special education) students who fit this description.

The assessment to the City of Lowell for school choice students is a “cherry sheet” charge, meaning that the expense is deducted from the city’s monthly local aid amounts, similar to the assessments for charter schools and the LRTA. The actual expenditures for FY2019, FY2018, and FY2017 were \$967,198, \$927,031, and \$874,063, respectively.

Please let me know if there are any additional questions.