



## School Assignment Update

To: Joel D. Boyd, Superintendent of Schools  
 From: Latifah Phillips, Chief Equity and Engagement Officer  
 Date: January 14, 2022  
 Re: School Assignment Update

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This memo is submitted in reference to the January 14, 2022 enrollment report.

As of Friday, January 14, there are 14,155 students attending Lowell Public Schools.

Following our standard format, the January 14 enrollment report includes other categories of enrollment that the district is responsible for monitoring, placing and/or supporting such as home schooled students, out of district student placements, community pre-K student program placements, and students referred for special education program evaluation, as well as students in the Family Resource Center category awaiting school assignment. When combining all of these categories together, the total enrollment on the January enrollment report adds up to 15,111.

As of Friday morning, January 14, the total number of K-12 students in the FRC category was 120. Additionally, 61 pre-K students remain on the waitlist and 6 remain in the EC other category which add up to a total of 187 in the FRC category. On this date, of the 120 K-12 students in the FRC category, 47 students have been provided a school assignment and are ready to attend school. Of the remaining 73 students, 11 students were awaiting medical clearance and 62 were recent registrants needing to submit required documentation.

| Pending Enrollment Requirement                                   | Number of Students (As of Friday 1/14/2022) |
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| Immunization Verification/Medical Clearance                      | 11  |
| Incomplete Documents   | 62  |
| Assignment Completed or Assignment Pending (documents completed) | 47  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>120</b>                                  |

Since the first day of school, 871 new students have initiated and/or completed student registrations for Lowell Public Schools. Of these new registrants, 356 indicated English as a

home language, 306 indicated Portuguese, 112 indicated Spanish, 32 indicated Khmer, 46 indicated an additional language.

We continue to anticipate an increase in student enrollment due to the resettlement of Afghan evacuees to Massachusetts, of which approximately 200 individuals are still expected to be resettled in the greater Lowell area and Massachusetts. To date, 43 evacuee students have initiated registration and/or been assigned to a school in LPS . This includes students enrolled in collaboration with the International Institute of New England as well as students enrolled by evacuee families who independently initiated school registration. Our cross-departmental team continues to take steps to proactively plan for the incoming students and families and we will continue to keep you apprised as new information becomes available.