

Whitefish Bay Schools

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To: Board of Education
From: Jim Rickabaugh
District Administrator
Re: Recommended Seat Allocation for Open Enrollment Students in the 2010-11 School Year
Date: March 10, 2010

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation: That the School Board approve the allocation of 22 seats for the Wisconsin Open Enrollment Program in 2010-11. This allocation will accommodate a number of students currently attending the Whitefish Bay Schools on Tuition Waivers and many siblings of current students attending the Whitefish Bay Schools through the Wisconsin Open Enrollment Program or the Chapter 220 Integration Program.

Background: The Whitefish Bay School District has taken a conservative approach to participation in the Wisconsin Open Enrollment Program over the past several years. Typically, designation of seats available for Open Enrollment students has been confined to students who currently attend the Whitefish Bay Schools on Tuition Waivers and siblings of current students who are attending via the Open Enrollment or Chapter 220 programs. In light of anticipated class sizes in the 2010-11 school year, the administration recommends that the School Board continue this practice.

A total of 36 students who fall in the categories described above have applied for Open Enrollment in the Whitefish Bay Schools for the 2010-11 school year. However, in light of anticipated class sizes at various grade levels, the administration is recommending the allocation of seats be limited to 22. Twelve students currently attending the Whitefish Bay Schools through Open Enrollment will graduate this spring. The net impact of this recommendation likely will be the addition of 10 students attending under the Open Enrollment program between the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years.

Financial Impact: If the 10 additional students offered Open Enrollment in the Whitefish Bay Schools accept the offer, their enrollment will generate approximately \$65,000 in additional revenue for the 2010-11 School District budget.

Next Steps: Assuming the School Board approves the allocation of 22 seats for the Wisconsin Open Enrollment Program in 2010-11, families and students who are included in the recommendation will be notified and invited to confirm their enrollment for next year. Subsequently, these students will be included in class assignments and staffing decisions for the coming year.