

JCPS Student Assignment Update



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION – APRIL 22, 2013**

Agenda



- Review of Changes
- Registration and Application Process
- Placements
- Timeline
- Next Steps
- Questions

What's New in Student Assignment?



On-line Registration	Students new to JCPS registered
On-line Application	No more paper applications
Registration/ Application Sites	15 sites located throughout district as well as local schools
New Application Period	Elementary Application Period (Nov 19- Jan 11) Middle and High App period (Oct 29 – Jan 11)
Automated Assignment	Computer generated assignment with review by Student Assignment staff
Magnet Apps	Elementary Magnet Apps processed 1 st before cluster apps
Ambassador Program	School specific ambassadors for school tours
New Clusters	13 Elementary Cluster Configuration for 2013-2014
Optional Programs	Removed application process for elementary optional programs; services remain
Advisory Committee	Principal committee(s) give input and provide regular feedback

What stays the same?



- Middle & High School optional programs, magnet programs, magnet schools
- Elementary magnet programs & magnet schools
- School's review and acceptance of applications for optional programs, magnet schools & magnet programs

Register

- Students new to JCPS
- Get Parent Portal ID

Discover

- Showcase of Schools
- Parent Information Sessions
- Choices Book
- JCPS Website
- School Tours

Apply

- Middle and High School
October 29 through January 11
- Elementary School Clusters
and Magnets
November 19 through January 11

Placement

- Middle and High School Magnets—
- Elementary School Magnets—
March
- Elementary Clusters—**April**

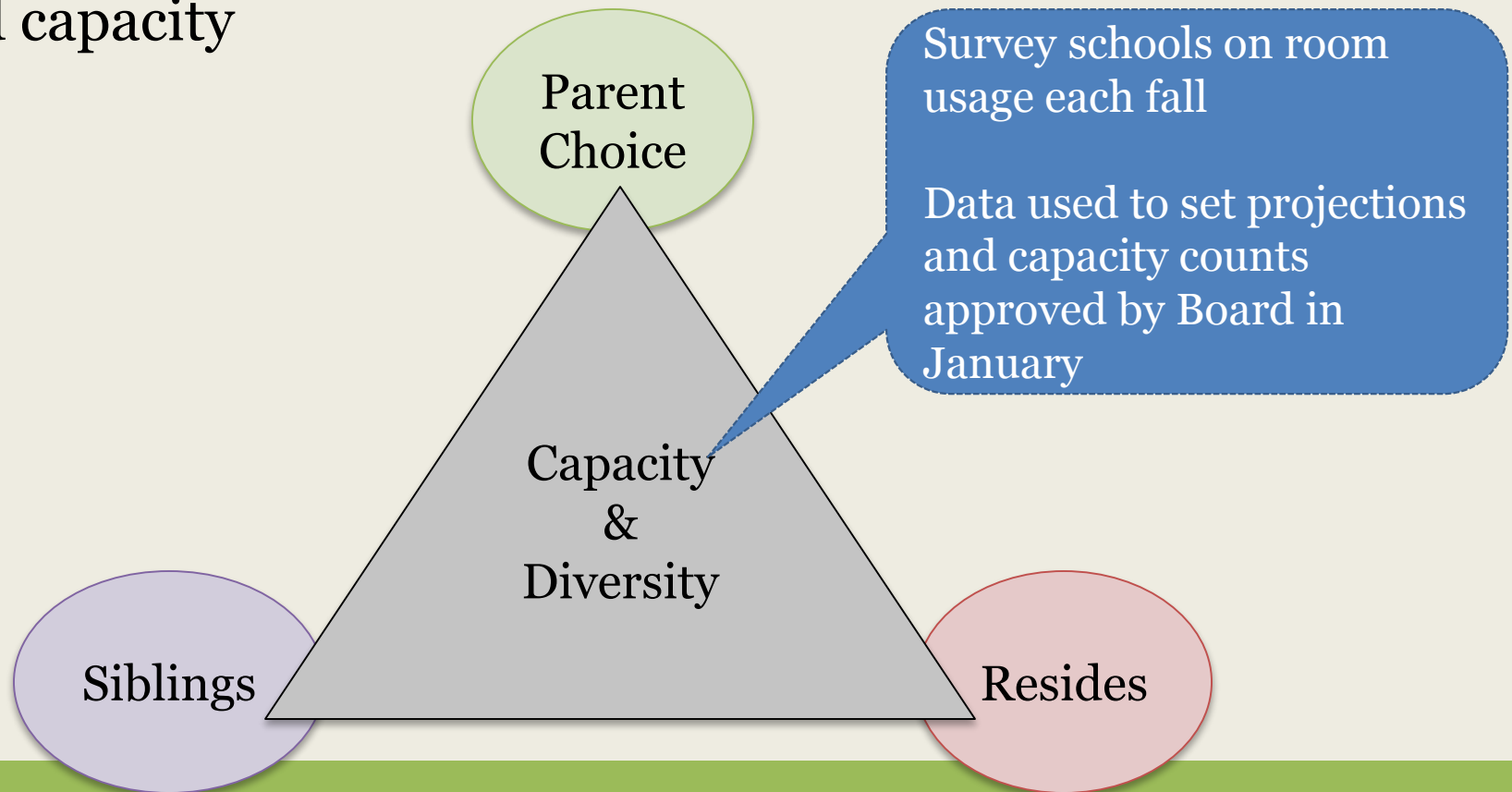
Registration and Application



- All incoming kindergarten students and new students to JCPS registered
- 15 registration sites were in operation throughout the district with evening and Saturday hours available at some sites
- Schools also worked with families to register new students
- Positive feedback received on parent convenience and support provided at sites
- Areas to improve include: training for staff and simplifying the registration process

Placement

- Computer assignment process considered 5 factors when assigning students: Parent choice, siblings, resides, diversity and capacity



Student Placement



Placements	Kindergarten Example
ESL	419
Magnet	1386
Cluster*	4482
ECE Low Incidence	Currently being placed
Total	6287

*Cluster applications are assigned through the computer algorithm

We expect 1,400 additional kindergarten applications over the summer

Application Numbers: Elementary Clusters



	2013-2014 # Applications	2013-2014 % Receiving 1 st or 2 nd Choice	2012-2013 # Applications (post Cluster Exchange)	2012-2013 % Receiving 1 st or 2 nd Choice
Elementary (K)	4,482	96.6%	6,805	83.0%

2013-2014 data through April 16, 2013

Application Numbers: Magnets



	2013-2014 # Applications	2013-2014 % Receiving 1 st or 2 nd Choice	2012-2013 # Applications	2012-2013 % Receiving 1 st or 2 nd Choice
Elementary	3,662	55%	3,602	50%
Middle	3,838	42%	4,084	56%
High	4,396	53%	4,836	56%
Total	11,896	50%	12,522	54%

Data through close of application period

Current Timeline



April 12	All students who applied as of April 1 st are placed at schools; Schools mail “Welcome Letters”
May 6	Transfer applications available for 2013-14.
May 8	All students who applied from April 2 nd –May 2 nd are placed at schools Schools mail “Welcome Letters” Welcome letter to be generated daily thereafter.
July 29th – August 16	Registration/Application Blitz for Families who have moved
August 20	First Day of School

Next Steps



- Gathering more feedback from stakeholders
- Developing comprehensive communication strategy
- Revising registration form
- Improving address verification process
- Updating training for staff
- Working on summer blitz period (the app mobile)
- Conducting magnet review

Highlights: Focus on Customer Service



- Improved efficiency
- More consistency in service to parents
- More targeted support to families in need
- More convenient for some parents
- Expanded application period for elementary
- Less data entry for schools
- Parents notified of placement earlier

Questions

