

**RESOLUTION:
ADMISSIONS AT OLMSTED SCHOOL #156 AND CITY HONORS SCHOOL #195**

The basis for the *New Education Bargain with Students and Parents* is a set of mutual promises assured between the Buffalo Public Schools and families. When parents place a high premium on education and assure that their children work hard and are committed to achieving at the highest levels possible, the Buffalo Public Schools will provide a high quality education and guarantee pathways to opportunity.

The Buffalo Public School District (BPS) is rich with a diverse set of opportunities for school enrollment. Among them, the District has established competitive admissions schools in which cumulative scoring of criteria is used to offer available seats. Two of these institutions, Olmsted School (#156) and City Honors School (#195), attract high numbers of applicants and, like all successful schools in Buffalo, the number of available seats is often exceeded by the number of highly and equally-qualified candidates for admission.

Whereas parents of currently enrolled students in the BPS interested in these schools exemplify the mutual commitment and promise that is at the core of the *New Education Bargain*, by having assured that their children work hard every day in their current BPS school, by placing a high premium on education, and by choosing the BPS as their trusted educational home above a wealth of other options available to them;

And, whereas in return, the BPS has prepared their children with the educational foundation necessary to achieve at the highest academic levels and to compete for open seats at these highly sought-after institutions;

Be it resolved, that the following procedure shall be established for admissions to Olmsted School (#156) and City Honors School (#195) instituting a preference for students currently enrolled in the BPS when a tie among equally qualified students exists during the awarding of school seats:

- 1) Seats shall be offered to all eligible applicants, both BPS and non-BPS, in order of the cumulative scoring pursuant to the established admissions criteria and application requirements.
- 2) A BPS applicant is defined as a student enrolled in a member institution of the Buffalo City School District at the time of completing the entrance examination for Olmsted School (#156) and/or City Honors School (#195) and is enrolled at a member institution at the time when available seats are offered.
- 3) A non-BPS applicant is defined as a student who attends any form of charter, non-public, parochial, or other school.
- 4) After the initial offering of seats based on the cumulative scoring results of applicants, if the number of remaining open seats is less than the number of

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equally qualified students and a tie exists between BPS and non-BPS applicants, preference will be given to BPS applicants.

- 5) If the number of available seats is less than the number of equally qualified BPS students, a lottery will be conducted of BPS students to award the remaining seats.
- 6) If the number of available seats exceeds the number of equally qualified BPS students, those BPS students will receive preference and be offered a seat outright.
- 7) The remaining seats shall be offered to the equally qualified non-BPS students by lottery.

The following example illustrates the procedure:

- 1) There are 100 seats available in a grade and the first 80 seats are awarded through a straight scoring of all eligible applicants, both BPS and non-BPS, in order of their cumulative score on the criteria (between a high of 20 and 18).
- 2) 20 seats remain open, but the next group totals 25 applicants who are all equally qualified with a cumulative score of 17 on the admissions score.
- 3) Of the 25 applicants in this pool, 15 are BPS students and 10 are eligible non-BPS students.
- 4) The 15 BPS students shall be provided with a preference and offered an open seat outright.
- 5) 5 open seats remain.
- 6) The 10 non-BPS students will be entered into a lottery for the remaining 5 seats.

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