

Open Enrollment Late Applications

Background:

On the subsequent pages are open enrollment applications. Unfortunately, the applications were filed late. Under Iowa law, open enrollment applications have to be filed by March 1, each year.

However, there is *Good Cause* provision for a late application. If *Good Cause* applies, the application cannot be denied. Iowa law lists only four circumstances for *Good Cause*. They are

- a) Change in district of residence (due to family move, change in marital status, foster care, adoption or treatment program);
- b) Participation in a foreign exchange program;
- c) Failure of negotiations for reorganization or whole grade sharing; or
- d) Loss of accreditation or revocation of a private or charter school.

There does not appear to be any Good Cause for these two late applications.

Also, according to Iowa law, only a school board may approve a late application.

The parents who filed these applications were notified that they could come to this board meeting and appeal directly to the school board. The parents may be in attendance.

Under Iowa law, the school board may not delay a decision on late open enrollment applications. Parents have a right to a response to their applications within 30 days. If the applications are not denied within 30 days, they are automatically approved.

Recommended Action:

I recommend the board move to deny the applications.