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NEW BUSINESS

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Dr. Tasha Katsuda, Assistant Superintendent
DATE: February 11, 2026
RE: **Consider Student Transfer Limits for the 2026-2027 School Year**

In 2013, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 2747, and in 2014, passed HB 4007. These two (2) bills modify the process for considering interdistrict transfer requests.

Past practice was that students wishing to apply for a transfer to a non-resident district were required to complete an application form including the reason for the transfer request. They had to obtain a release from the resident district as well as an approval from the non-resident district. After the release and approval, the mutual agreement was for one (1) year only.

Under HB 4007, districts are restricted in the information they may request; and they are not allowed to review requests on an individual basis. Instead, the Board must adopt in advance the number of students that will be allowed to transfer in and out of the district. For students transferring into the district, the Board may determine a length of time for that transfer.

Open Enrollment, enacted by the Oregon Legislature in 2011, created an additional option for students wishing to transfer between districts. The Open Enrollment statute contained a sunset provision, effective July 1, 2019. Therefore, all students wishing to transfer between districts must apply through the interdistrict transfer process.

Attached you will find the administration's recommended transfer guidelines for the Board's consideration for the 2026-27 school year.

It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached guidelines for student interdistrict transfers for the 2026-27 school year.

Agenda Item: 7.2.2

Request for Nonresident Students to Attend Centennial Schools

Interdistrict transfer requests for nonresident students wanting to attend a school within the Centennial School District will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis from **May 11, 2025 to August 14, 2026**, based on the following designated slot openings by building and grade-level:

Grade	School	Number of Slots
K-5	Butler Creek Elementary - <i>Closed due to student class size/capacity</i>	0
K-5	Meadows Elementary	15
K-5	Parklane Elementary	15
K-5	Patrick Lynch Elementary	15
K-5	Pleasant Valley Elementary	15
K-5	Powell Butte Elementary	15
6-8	Oliver Middle School	10
6-8	Centennial Middle School	10
9	Centennial High School	15
10	Centennial High School	15
11	Centennial High School	10
12	Centennial High School	10
K-12	Centennial Virtual Academy	50

Total Openings for Nonresident Students: 195

If the total requests for any one location or grade exceed the number of Board adopted transfer slots, a blind lottery process will be held to determine selection.

Length of Request

A student approved for transfer into Centennial will be approved to attend through the highest offered grade at the requested schools with the option to continue based on space availability, (e.g. 8th grade for CMS and 12th grade for CHS).

Revocation of Transfer

Interdistrict transfer approval will be revoked for students who are either:

1. Chronically absent (defined as missing 10% of school days) in a grading period; or
2. Students who receive two or more suspensions from school; or
3. Repeat late drop off and/or pick up.

These criteria will be applied to all approved transfers, without bias.

Out-of-district Transfer Requests

It is recommended that the Board approve opening **30 interdistrict transfer slots** for students requesting to transfer out of the district between **May 11 and June 19, 2026**. If we receive more than 30 out-of-district transfer requests, a lottery will be held after **Friday, June 26, 2026**. In addition to the 30 transfer slots noted above, it is recommended that the Board approve allowing students who meet the following qualifications to be released out of district:

- Students who will have a sibling enrolled in their requested district next year.
- Students who were enrolled in their requested district as an 11th grader in the 2025-26 school year.
- Immersion programs and programs not offered in Centennial, at the discretion of administration.