district five
OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES

Choice and Magnet Programs Board Update

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Excerpt from Dr. Hefner's Vision 2015 and Vision 2020

5. EXPAND MAGNET AND CHOICE OPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

- Make optimum use of existing space
- Enhance the ability of each school to compete effectively with other schools in our district and community
- Meet the unique educational needs of our students

Purpose of School Choice

- Gives options to the community
- Keeps all schools viable
- Allows students to explore their interests
- Aligns with the educational landscape

Types of School Choice

- Schools open to Choice
  - Based on available space
- Magnet Schools
  - Whole school model (WS)
  - Criteria based model (CB)
  - Schools within-a-school (SWS)

Choice and Magnet Awareness

- Magnet Fairs
  - Two held each year
- Choice Page
  - District 5 website
- Open Houses
- Community events
- Media Coverage

Interest in Choice and Magnets

- Has become part of the culture
- Interest is year round
- Participation in the choice process is flourishing
- Every school open for choice has had applicants from outside their zone

Current Magnet Schools

- DFES Academy of Environmental Sciences
- Seven Oaks Elementary MEDIA Magnet
- IMS International Academic Magnet
- IHS International School for the Arts
  - IB Diploma Programme
- SHHS Career Pathways Magnet (all magnet)
- DFHS STEM Program (SWS) (CB)
- Escolares Academy at HWES (SWS) (CB)
- HEC Leader in Me
- LEAP at LES Engineering Magnet

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Where Every Choice is a Great Choice!!!!!