



FOSTER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY UPDATE: ENROLLMENT OPTIONS MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

TODAY'S AGENDA

Time	Activity
6:00	Welcome
6:05	Goal of the Meeting
6:10	Foster School Construction Progress Update
6:15	Foster School Principal Update
6:20	Foster Community Planning - Block Party - June 14 at Twiggs
6:25	<u>What Is Your Enrollment Pathway?</u>
6:25	CAVEAT Review
6:30	--- Breakout Rooms and Q & A
6:50	Whole Group Question Review
7:00	Timeline and Close

FOSTER ENROLLMENT OPTIONS MEETING

Goal:

- Provide updates about Foster School
- Provide clarity and understanding about enrollment options available for Feeder Foster Families

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE



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Atrium

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE



Learning Stairwell

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE



Classroom

TRACK FOSTER SCHOOL PROGRESS

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PRINCIPAL HIRING UPDATE

School Leader Profile Survey Window	Jan - Feb, 2025
Post Position: January 20, 2025	January 20, 2025
Review surveys & create Profile of School Principal	February, 2025
Determine & Notify Stakeholder Interview committee	February, 2025
Screen files & determine interview candidates	February, 2025
Round 1: Begin Candidate Screening Interview	March, 2025
Round 2: Panel Interviews	Mid-March, 2025
Board Approval of Foster School Principal	May 19 Board Meeting

PRINCIPAL HIRING UPDATE

WELCOME PRINCIPAL CHARLISE BERKEL!!!!



- **Foster School's Founding Principal**
- Primary responsibilities for 2025-26 remain in service to the Bessie Rhodes community while spending time preparing for the opening of Foster School
- Transition Zoom - Weds. May 21 at 5PM



FOSTER SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY



CLIMB AND SLIDE

JUNE 14, 2025 TWIGGS PARK
NOON TO 3:00 PM 1901 SIMPSON



FOOD AND
DRINK



FIESTA COMUNITARIA DE LA ESCUELA FOSTER



14 DE JUNIO DE 2025
DESDE EL MEDIODÍA HASTA LAS TRES



SUBE Y DESLIZATE

PARQUE TWIGGS
DIRECCIÓN: 1901 SIMPSON STREET



COMIDA Y
BEBIDAS
DELICIOSAS



TEAM GAMES



JUMP ROPE



FACE
PAINTING



FOSTER FRIENDSHIP

DANCING



FOSTER BELONGING



RELAY RACE

FOSTER OUR FUTURE

JUEGOS DE
EQUIPO



SALTA LA CUERDA



PINTURA DE
CARITAS



FOMENTA LA AMISTAD

¡BAILE Y RITMO!



FOMENTA LA PERTENENCIA



CARRERAS
DE RELEVOS

FOMENTA NUESTRO FUTURO

FOSTER SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY PLANNING

Sign up to help plan for the Foster School Block Party



- Planning & Logistics Committee
- Activity/Entertainment Committee
- Food & Refreshment Committee
- Promotion Committee
- Welcome & Volunteer Committee
- Sponsorship Committee

Planning Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 20 at 5PM (VIRTUAL)
- Thursday, May 28 at 6PM (VIRTUAL)
- Wednesday, June 11 at 6PM at JEH - 1500 McDaniel Ave



**FOSTER SCHOOL
BLOCK PARTY**



**FIESTA COMUNITARIA
DE LA ESCUELA FOSTER**



DISCUSSION:

- **SHARE OUT WITH THE ZOOM ROOM**
- **ADD YOUR THOUGHTS IN THE CHAT**

What is exciting about attending the new Foster School?

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PATHWAY

Before we review your Enrollment Options:

Three important considerations to make note of:

1. Families always have the option to apply: Magnet/Special programs and permissive transfer
2. Potential impact of the SDRP
3. D65 Bus Transportation Policy

CAVEATS FOR ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

1. Everyone has an opportunity to apply to attend:
 - King Arts Magnet, TWI and ACC → lottery application
 - A non-local area school → permissive transfer application

For 2026-27 school year, the application window is:

- December 2025 -- March 2026

CAVEATS FOR ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Due to the ongoing Structural Deficit Reduction Plan (SDRP) ---

- Schools
 - Attendance Areas
 - Transportation Policies
 - TWI Program Locations
- are all subject to change.



CAVEATS FOR ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Current D65 Transportation Policies¹:

Bus transportation is provided for students:

- 1.5 miles or further from local area school*
- hazardous routes designated by State of IL*
- special designations as indicated by IL State Law or District 65 policy*
- TWS/TWX students in TWI programs assigned to non-local area schools

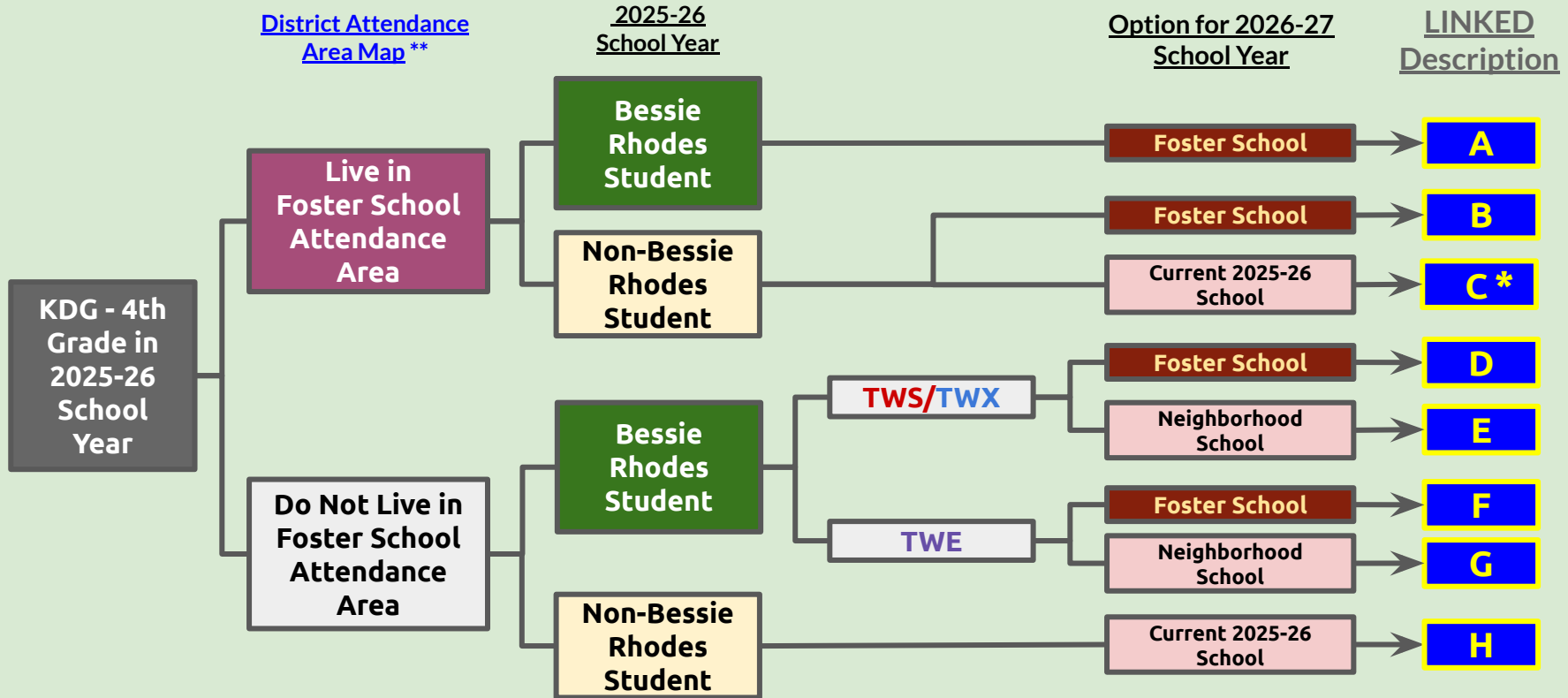
* Permissive transfer students and TWE students do not qualify for bus transportation

* Further details, including transportation for students in magnet programs, are outlined in [Board Policy 4:110](#)

1. District 65 transportation policies are up for review by District 65 and the Board of Education and may be modified in the summer of 2025.

Foster School Enrollment Options

Follow your child's path and click the linked description for your child's enrollment status for the 2026-2027 school year



TWS: native Spanish speaker and an English language learner

TWX: native Spanish speaker

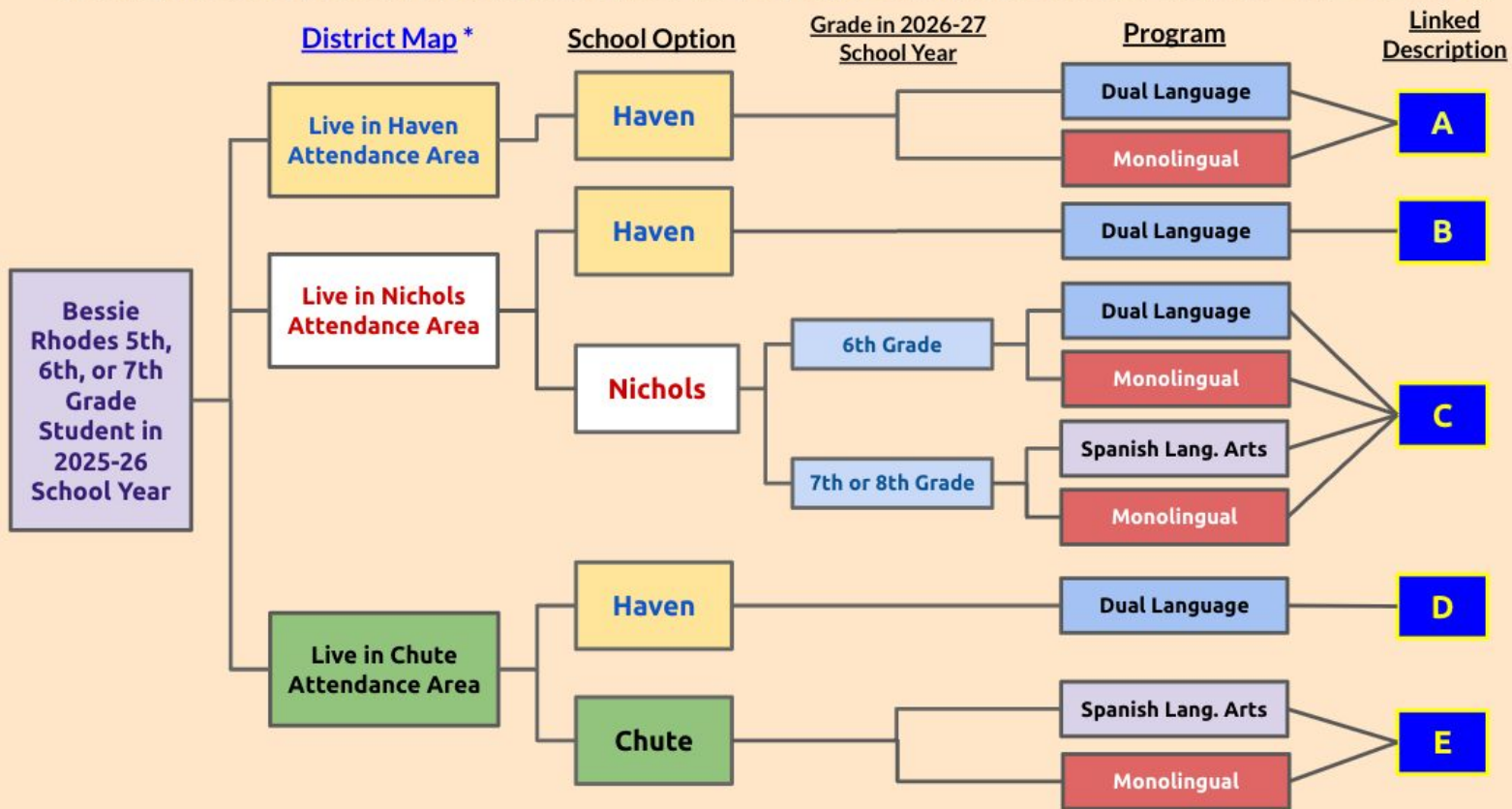
TWE: native English speaker

* Bus transportation in the 2026-27 school year and thereafter is not provided for students who live in the Foster attendance area but opt to stay in their 2025-26 school.

** Use the search function in the linked [District Attendance Area Map](#) to enter your address and determine your attendance area school for 2026-27. Attendance boundaries subject to change via the SDRP decisions expected by December 2025.

Bessie Rhodes --> Middle School School Enrollment Options Flow Chart

Follow your child's path and click the linked letter for your child's enrollment status for the 2026-2027 school year



Families can apply to enroll at King Arts for 6th, 7th and 8th grade in 2026-27 following the D65 selective enrollment lottery application process linked [HERE](#).

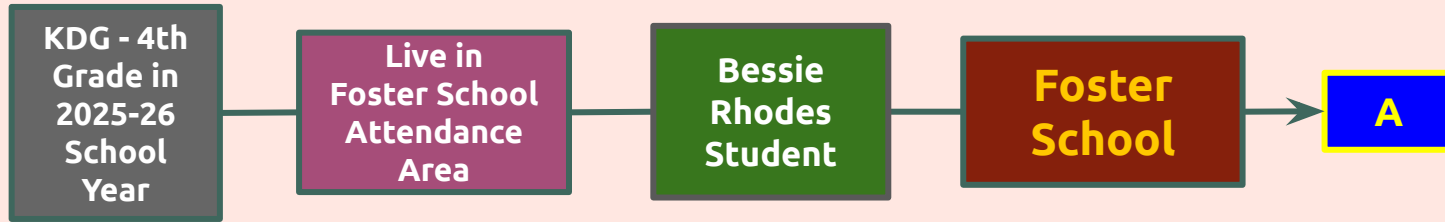
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ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PATHWAY

Break Out Rooms

- TWS / TWX Families go to Room 1 (SPANISH)
- TWE/Monolingual Families go to Room 1 (ENGLISH)

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PATHWAY



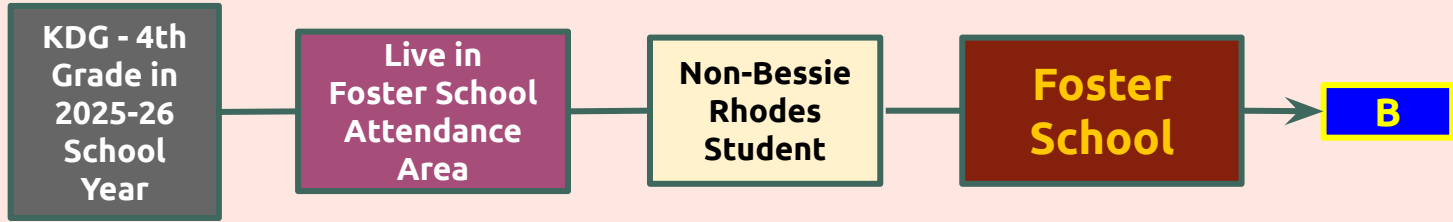
A. For Bessie Rhodes families who live in the Foster School attendance area in the 2026-2027 school year, then:

CONGRATULATIONS!

Your child will be one of the founding students to open the new Foster School in 2026-2027!

- Bus Transportation
- TWI
- TWE
- Siblings
- Intent to Enroll Form

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PATHWAY



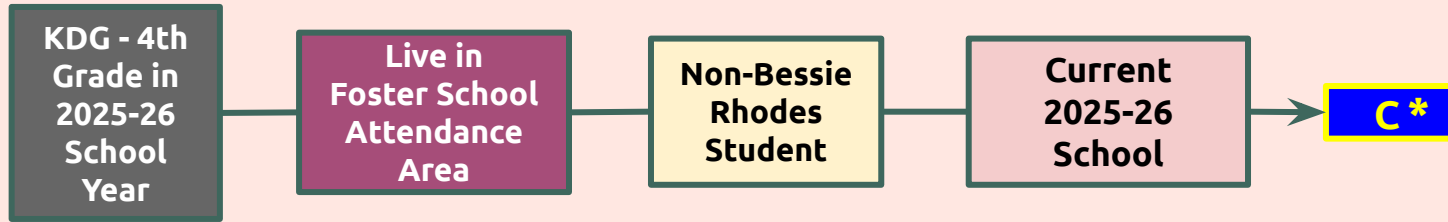
B. For families who elect for your child to attend Foster School in the 2026-2027 school year, then:

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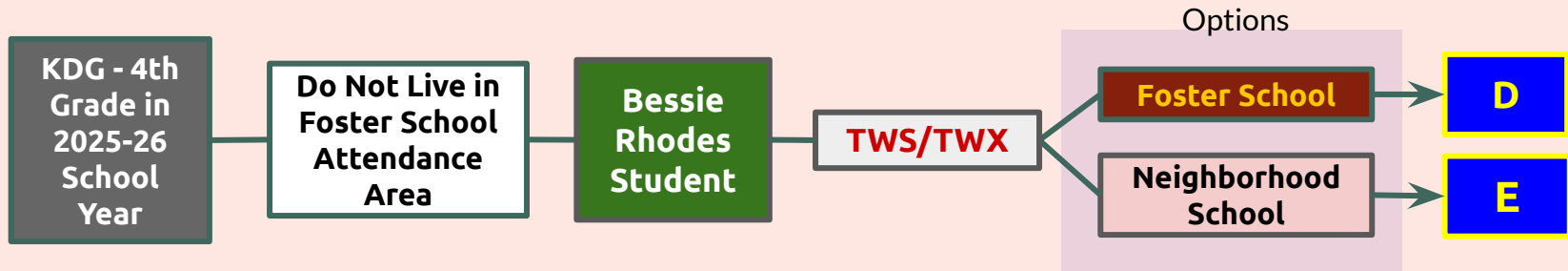
ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PATHWAY



C. For families who elect to **NOT** attend Foster School in the 2026-2027 school year, then:

- you may opt for your child to continue to attend their 2025-2026 elementary school as an approved permissive transfer until completion of the 5th grade.
- Bus Transportation
- Siblings
- Intent to Enroll Form

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PATHWAY



D. For families TWS/TWX Bessie Rhodes who do not live in the Foster Attendance Area and who elect for their child to attend **Foster School** in the 2026-2027 school year, then:

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Your child will be one of the founding students to open the new Foster School in 2026-2027!

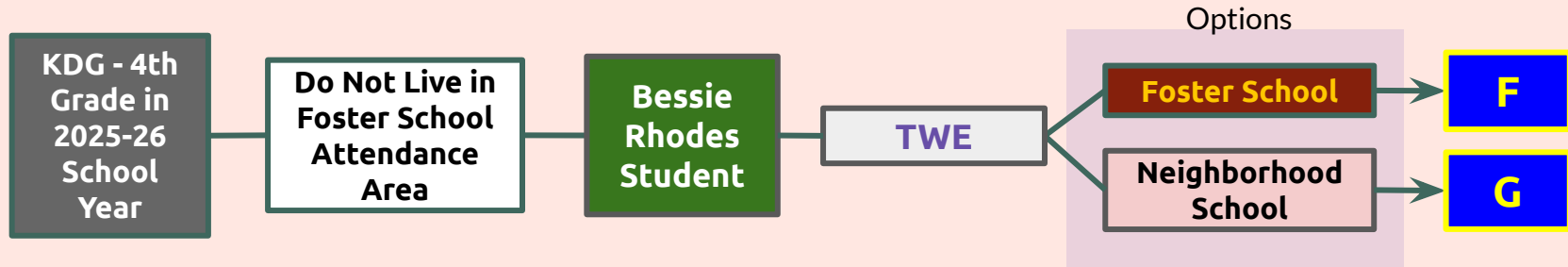
- TWI
- Bus Transportation
- Siblings
- Intent to Enroll Form

E. For families who elect to **NOT** attend Foster School in the 2026-2027 school year,

→ your child will be placed in a TWI program in your neighborhood school, or
→ placed in a school with TWI within your neighborhood middle school feeder pattern, or
→ placed in a school with TWI outside your neighborhood middle school feeder pattern, based upon availability.

- TWI
- Bus Transportation
- Siblings
- Intent to Enroll Form

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PATHWAY



F. For TWE Bessie Rhodes families who do not live in the Foster Attendance Area and who elect for their child to attend **Foster School** in the 2026-2027 school year, then:

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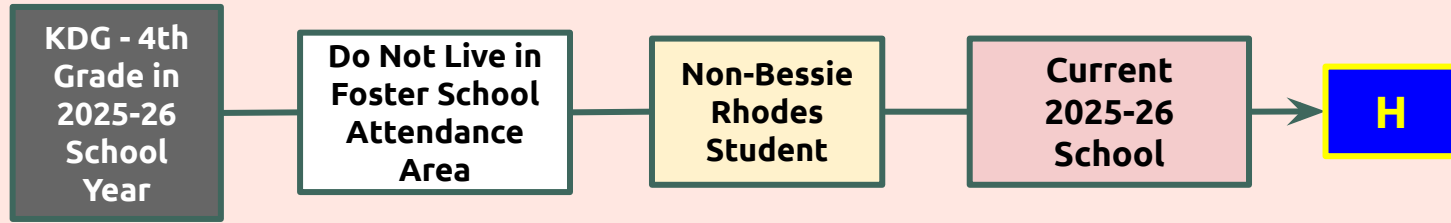
- TWI
- Bus Transportation
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G. For Bessie Rhodes families who elect to **NOT** attend Foster School in the 2026-2027 school year,

→ your child **may** be eligible to remain in the TWI program and **may** be assigned a TWI placement in your neighborhood feeder-pattern school that has a TWI strand or another non-feeder TWI school **based upon availability.**

- TWI
- Bus Transportation
- Siblings
- Intent to Enroll Form

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PATHWAY



H. For families who are not impacted by the opening of Foster School

→ your child **is not affected** by the opening of Foster School and should follow regular registration procedures based upon their current address within the Evanston/Skokie School District 65 attendance area.

TIMELINE

