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Superintendent

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

As the parent or guardian of a student currently enrolled in our school district, we are writing to notify you that under state law HB251, you may request to transfer your child to another public school in the Paulding County School District for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year.

Parent Responsibilities

As a parent or guardian, you may request to have your child transferred to another public school within your school district of residence if the school district has determined that there is available classroom space at the school after all assigned students have been enrolled. Please keep in mind that if you choose to transfer your child to another school in the district, the law requires you to assume all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of your child to and from the school for as long as your child remains at that school.

School Choice requests for **currently enrolled students** in grades K-11 must be made through Parent Portal under the “More” option from the Index and then ‘Online Registration Existing’ beginning **February 12, 2026**, and running through **February 27, 2026**. Directions as to how to complete a request through Infinite Campus are on the HB 251 web page. Parents will be notified of the status of their HB 251 request via email prior to end of the 25-26 school year. For more information about school choice, visit: <https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/departments/school-leadership/hb251-school-choice>.

While the schools listed on the website are open, please note that seats available for each school may vary. In the event a particular school has available space, and the number of transfer requests exceeds the remaining available capacity, a random lottery will be conducted to fill available seats.

For students who will be **entering kindergarten for the 2026-27 school year**, parents must complete the School Choice application beginning on **February 12, 2026**, through **February 27, 2026**. This application will be available on the district website. Parents will be notified of the status of their HB 251 request via email prior to end of the 25-26 school year.

If you have questions or need clarification, please contact the Operations Department at: 770-443-8000.

Sincerely,

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For more information regarding the Paulding County School District School Choice procedures please see Administrative Regulation [Student Assignment to Schools JBCCA-R](#).