Magnet Program Variance FAQs

1) What does this variance look like?
    a. There is a separate form that will be available in both paper-based and online.
    b. The QR code will take applicants directly to the online Magnet Application Form.

2) Is there a cap to how many students a school can take?
    a. First- this is all dependent on staffing and how many student slots a school can fill.
    b. However, Dr. Ryser emphasizes taking them all. We will work on adding staff but can't guarantee each allocation.

3) Can/will siblings be part of the variance?
    a. First, it all depends on how many slots the school can fill per grade level.
    b. However, take all applicants and allocations for staff will be looked at.

4) Do students need to reapply every year?
    a. No. However, if a student gets removed from the program due to behavior, attendance, or grade expectations, they will have to reapply the following year. This is on the application as well.

5) If a student applies to the program and requires a class setting that the school doesn't have (i.e.- EBD, Multi-VE), does the school have the right to deny the variance?
    a. Yes

6) If there are more applicants than student slots, what happens to that list?
    a. Again, it has been advised to take all applicants. From there, additional staffing will be discussed.
    b. A waitlist will be created, dependent on those staffing allocations.

7) Can families apply for the Magnet Program halfway through the school year?
    a. No. They can do a variance for other reasons, but for this program, they need to start at the beginning of the school year.

Reminders:

- There will be a variance form created specifically for Magnet Programs. All parameters for acceptance will be on that form and will even be discussed at enrollment.
- No transportation will be provided for students who get accepted to the Magnet Program on a variance.
- The School Choice Department will reach out to the principals for each variance and discuss next steps regarding approval or denial.
- The '26-'27 school year, the application window will remain open until July 9th. For the'27-'28 school year, it will follow the same application window as School Choice. (January 4th – March 1st)