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Dear Families of Worthington 6<sup>th</sup> graders:

Phoenix Middle School is excited to **begin our recruitment process for our 2018-2019 7<sup>th</sup> grade class!** Below, you will find a list of dates and information that will help you should you choose to find out more about our program for your 6<sup>th</sup> grader:

### **Informational Sessions for 6th Grade Students:**

As in years past, we are scheduling informational sessions during the school day with all 6<sup>th</sup> graders at their neighborhood elementary buildings to share information about Phoenix Middle School. These sessions will occur during the month of February. Our current Phoenix students and staff members will be visiting all 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to introduce our program and answer questions.

### **Learning about Phoenix Middle School:**

Phoenix Middle School is an option for families in Worthington City Schools, and we invite all parents of current 6th graders to learn about our school and see if it might be a good fit for their child. Below are HIGHLY recommended opportunities to learn about Phoenix Middle School:

- **Parent Information Meetings**
  - Dates/Times: Monday, **March 5** (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM) and Wednesday, **March 7** (6:30 - 8:00 PM)
  - Location: Phoenix Middle School music room
  - *Attendance is highly encouraged for those parents whose children want to enter the lottery.*
- **Open House for Prospective Families**
  - Saturday, **March 17** (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
  - Location: Phoenix Middle School
  - Staff, current students, and parents will be available for tours and discussion.
  - *This is a great opportunity to tour the building and learn more about Phoenix Middle School.*
- **Additional Information**
  - **Phoenix Middle School Website:** <https://www.phoenixms.org/>
  - [Frequently Asked Questions About Phoenix Middle School](#)
  - **Please note that only current students and families may register for the site. The information you will need as prospective families is available without registering.**

The student application will be accessible on the Phoenix website's homepage.

**The application will be available online on or after Feb. 1, 2018.**

### **Application, Lottery, and Sibling Information:**

- **To apply to be a Phoenix 7<sup>th</sup> grader for the 2018-2019 school year**, students must complete the current Phoenix Middle School application (this will be available to complete online after Feb. 1, 2018 at [www.phoenixms.org](http://www.phoenixms.org)) and **submit it to the website no later than Thursday, April 5, 2018, 4:00 pm.**

- Students that have submitted completed applications on time will be entered into a lottery that will be held at the WEC on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**.
- The Phoenix Middle School lottery is conducted at the district level; not the school. All questions about the lottery process should be referred to Jeanne Prest, Administrative Assistant to Neil Gupta, Director of Secondary Education, at 614-450-6015.
- Students will be drawn from the lottery on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018** by neighborhood schools.
- The McCord MS attendance area students (44 students) will be pulled from the lottery from 10:00 AM-10:30 AM; Kilbourne MS students (20 students) from 10:40 AM-11:00 AM; Worthingway MS students (20 students) from 11:10 AM - 11:30 AM.
- To be eligible, students must be residents in the Worthington Schools when school begins Fall 2018.

**The lottery will be live-streamed. Students are NOT required to be present at the lottery on drawing day to be eligible for a spot.**

- Due to our lengthy, unique daily schedule, we allow current Phoenix families with a student who is now in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade (moving to 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall 2018) to have automatic admittance for an incoming 7th grade sibling through the application and lottery process. **IMPORTANT: Even if the 6<sup>th</sup> grader has a sibling who is currently a Phoenix 7<sup>th</sup> grader, they MUST complete and submit an application. Students without applications WILL NOT be entered in the lottery, regardless of whether their sibling is in the current Phoenix 7<sup>th</sup> grade class.**
- FYI: The children of Phoenix staff can be a part of the new class after an application is submitted. The Phoenix staff's students do NOT take any seats in the lottery pool.

### **Final Notes**

- After the lottery has been completed and we have our new 7<sup>th</sup> grade class for 2018-2019, we will host the new students at Phoenix MS for an **Orientation/Open House on the morning of Friday, May 18. Parents will need to provide transportation to and from Phoenix that morning.** More information will be provided to students who are selected.
- We will also hold a New Parent Orientation on Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 pm. More information will be provided in the future.
- If you have any other questions about the Phoenix Middle School program, please email Adham Schirg ([aschirg@wscloud.org](mailto:aschirg@wscloud.org)), Beth Cullinan ([bcullinan@wscloud.org](mailto:bcullinan@wscloud.org)), or Robert Estice ([restice@wscloud.org](mailto:restice@wscloud.org)).
- If you have any questions about the Phoenix Middle School lottery, please email Jeanne Prest ([jprest@wscloud.org](mailto:jprest@wscloud.org)).

We look forward to meeting you and your 6<sup>th</sup> grade students during our recruitment process this spring!

The Phoenix Middle School Staff