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The Bowser Administration Releasing Results of the My School DC Common Lottery and Extending the School Enrollment Deadline

Extension intended to accommodate schools and families adjusting to distance learning

(WASHINGTON, DC) — The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is releasing My School DC common lottery results to families tomorrow and extending the enrollment deadline for DC students matched in the My School DC Lottery amid the transition to distance learning due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

The original enrollment deadline for the 2020-21 school year was May 1, 2020. The new deadline is set for May 27, 2020, one month after DC Public Schools and public charter schools are expected to reopen.

Schools are responding to their modified operating status by adjusting enrollment processes to address the limitations faced by families during this public health emergency. These processes may include accepting documents electronically and arranging for digital or video support during the enrollment process, along with viable alternatives for families who do not have access to the internet, such as phone outreach and accepting documents via US Postal Service. Families matched to a school or offered a space from a school's waitlist will be contacted directly by the school with their enrollment and residency verification procedures.

My School DC, the District's common lottery system for DC Public Schools (DCPS) and public charter schools, is releasing results on time to enable the schools to have maximum planning time for the 2020-21 school year.

The lottery received 25,198 applicants for pre-K through 12th grade for the 2020-21 school year. Of the 25,198 students who applied by the deadlines, 67 percent were matched (being offered a seats) at a school they selected, an increase from 64 percent the prior year.

The My School DC hotline remains fully operational, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., to support families as they navigate their lottery results and schools’ enrollment procedures. The hotline can be reached at (202) 888-6336 or at info.myschooldc@dc.gov. The team is equipped with bilingual staff and has access to interpreters through a telephonic interpretation service.

For more information, go to www.myschooldc.org.

Resources and additional information about the District of Columbia Government’s response to coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found at coronavirus.dc.gov.

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