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MNPS Sends Letters of Choice to Students

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Feb. 13, 2009) – Thousands of Metro public school students will soon receive letters from their school and in the mail detailing their choices in deciding where they will attend school next fall. The MNPS Student Assignment office is issuing nearly 5,000 letters explaining the new Student Assignment Plan's grandfather option and zoned choice option.

Letters will be mailed to all affected families by the end of this work week (Feb. 13). Students being reassigned to a new school for the 2009-2010 school year, who are rising into the top two grade levels of their school, may choose to remain at their current school through the plan's grandfather clause. Students currently attending a school in a noncontiguous cluster (a school zone geographically separated from the residential neighborhood) will have the choice to attend a school in the cluster previously assigned through the district's zoned choice option.

To better assist families during this student reassignment process, MNPS has launched a new campaign, *Finding Where You Fit*, which provides detailed information about the new Student Assignment Plan, the district's newly adopted School Choice Plan, and magnet/optional schools. Additionally, *Finding Where You Fit* provides information regarding the federal guidelines required by No Child Left Behind to provide school choices to students attending a school that does not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

To help communicate these choices and options with families, MNPS has created an in-depth section on its website to help parents and students better understand the changes and options now available. Additionally, MNPS has created a short video that helps explain the reassignment plan. This video is airing on local educational access Channel 10 and is available on the school district website, www.mnps.org.

Metro Nashville Public Schools provide a range of educational opportunities to more than 75,000 students in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit www.mnps.org.

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