



# News

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## **Student Assignment Letters Mailed Home**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (May 11, 2009) – Metro Nashville Public Schools is in the midst of an unprecedented effort to contact every family in the district and ensure that each child is enrolled at the correct school for the 2009-2010 school year.

Friday, May 8, approximately 67,000 unique letters were sent by U.S. postal services to almost every household in the district. The letters explain what school the district currently has each child enrolled in for the 2009-2010 school year. The letters also inform parents of what steps to take if they believe the school selected is incorrect. Students currently enrolled in certain specialized programs based on their individual needs will not be receiving a letter at this time. Program placements for specialized services have not been finalized; parents will be notified when these placements are determined.

In addition to the letters sent via USPS, each child will get a copy of the enrollment letter from his or her school to take home. This is being done to make certain every parent is notified of next year's school selection before the end of this school year and has the opportunity to contact the district if the parent feels an error has been made in the child's school selection.

These letters are being sent in response to the 2009-10 Student Assignment Plan, which redrew the zone lines for thousands of students, as well as the Open Enrollment period that allowed parents to enroll their child at any school in the district if open seating was available and transportation could be provided by the parents.

Throughout March, Metro Schools hosted numerous community meetings and Ask & Enroll Nights at which parents could ask questions and enroll their child for the 2009-2010 school year. Numerous community groups also hosted meetings and information sessions to help the district communicate changes with parents. The district's Family and Community Outreach Department set up a phone bank to call parents who had not responded to original outreach efforts, went door-to-door, and were key to the success of this outreach effort. By the end of April, the district had successfully contacted 100% of all families originally affected by the Student Assignment Plan (Feb. 2008). As families move into and out of the district or certain areas within the district, Central Office staff will continue these outreach efforts to ensure every family has school options and know what those options are.

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](http://www.mnps.org).

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