



# **SCHOOL BOARD ACTION REPORT**

**DATE:** January 26, 2018  
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**For Introduction:** January 31, 2018  
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## **1. TITLE**

Amendment 4 to Approval of the 2019-20 High School Growth Boundaries Plan and High School Highly Capable Pathways for 2019-20 and 2020-21: Allow current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable students from West Seattle attending Washington Middle School to enroll in Garfield as rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders in 2019-20 and 2020-21

## **2. PURPOSE**

This amendment allows current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable students from West Seattle attending Washington Middle School to enroll in Garfield as rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders in 2019-20 and 2020-21.

## **3. RECOMMENDED MOTION**

I move that Attachment N be amended to add language that allows current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable students from West Seattle attending Washington Middle School to enroll in Garfield as rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, as attached to this board action report.

## **4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **a. Background**

Of the current West Seattle 7<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in highly capable (HC), 18 attend Washington Middle School and 31 attend Madison Middle School. This amendment would allow for the 18 students who attend Washington Middle School to attend Garfield in 2019-20, while retaining a sufficiently sized cohort (31 students) from Madison for a freshman HC class at West Seattle High School. There are also a small number (fewer than 10) of current West Seattle 6<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in HC that attend Washington Middle School. This amendment would also allow them to enter Garfield High School in 2020-21.

### **Sum of HC enrolled students, from West Seattle**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Madison	46	31	11	88
Washington	<10	18	19	40
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>128</b>

b. **Alternatives**

Do not approve this amendment. If this amendment is not approved, the current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable students at Washington Middle School would have a guaranteed pathway option at West Seattle High School when they enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2019.

c. **Research**

None

5. **FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact to this amendment.

Expenditure:  One-time  Annual  Multi-Year  N/A

Revenue:  One-time  Annual  Multi-Year  N/A

6. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

With guidance from the District's Community Engagement tool, this action was determined to merit the following tier of community engagement:

Not applicable

Tier 1: Inform

Tier 2: Consult/Involve

Tier 3: Collaborate

In 2016, a West Seattle Highly Capable Pathway Focus Group convened and made several recommendations. One recommendation by the Focus Group was to grandfather the current 7<sup>th</sup> graders at Washington Middle School to have the option to attend Garfield. A couple board directors have received feedback at recent community meetings in favor of this action.

7. **EQUITY ANALYSIS**

No formal race and equity analysis has been done on this amendment. However, it is believed with better and more consistent identification in District 6's High Needs Schools that lack Spectrum and ALO programs (*e.g.*, Concord, West Seattle, Roxhill, Highland Park and Sanislo) and that are particularly diverse, more students of color will be identified to populate this HCC Pathway to increase their opportunities and to build a more diverse cohort and offerings. At community engagement, the WS HCC Pathway group has agreed that diversity is one of the goals to address within this pathway and that the prior necessity of sending students across town off the peninsula can have a disproportionate impact on families of color and need.

8. **STUDENT BENEFIT**

West Seattle students enjoying their experience at Washington Middle School would be able to attend high school with many of their current peers who are not from West Seattle.

**9. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY**

- Amount of contract initial value or contract amendment exceeds \$250,000 (Policy No. 6220)
- Amount of grant exceeds \$250,000 in a single fiscal year (Policy No. 6114)
- Adopting, amending, or repealing a Board policy
- Formally accepting the completion of a public works project and closing out the contract
- Legal requirement for the School Board to take action on this matter
- Board Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_, [TITLE], provides the Board shall approve this item
- Other: Any amendments to assignment pathways previously adopted by the Board require Board approval

**10. POLICY IMPLICATION**

Policy No. 3130, Student Assignment and Enrollment, discusses the attendance area and choice assignment systems.

**11. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

This motion was not discussed at a committee.

**12. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Upon approval of this motion, Attachment N of main motion will be amended.

**13. ATTACHMENTS**

- Proposed Amendment to Attachment N (for approval)
- West Seattle Highly Capable Cohort Focus Group Recommendations

The recommendation is to open Lincoln High School with grades 9 and 10 only in the 2019-20 school year. The information below outlines the grades to be served at Lincoln until the school reaches full scale in 2021-22. This attachment also outlines the grandfathering plan associated with the boundary changes to be implemented in the 2019-20 school year.

### **Lincoln Grade Implementation Plan**

- In 2019-20, Lincoln High School will serve students in grades 9 and 10 only. New students in grades 11 and 12 will be assigned to their attendance area high school based on the 2017-18 high school boundaries.
- In 2020-21, Lincoln High School will serve students in grades 9, 10, and 11 only. New students in grade 12 will be assigned to their attendance area high school based on the 2017-18 high school boundaries.
- In 2021-22, Lincoln High School will serve students in all grades.

### **High School Grandfathering Plan**

Staying in Current Assignments: When the new boundaries and pathways take effect in 2019-20:

- All students in the Highly Capable (HC) pathways at Garfield and Ingraham will be grandfathered.
- All 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in fall 2019 will be grandfathered.
- All 10<sup>th</sup> graders in areas that have a changing attendance area assignment, but not to Lincoln High School, will be grandfathered at their existing assignment.

Changing Assignments: When the new boundaries and pathways take effect in 2019-20:

- All 10<sup>th</sup> graders attending Ballard or Roosevelt in 2018-19 as their attendance area school and residing in areas that have a changing assignment to Lincoln High School in the fall of 2019 will be geo-split, meaning they would start 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Lincoln High School.

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grader Assignments: When the new boundaries and pathways take effect in 2019-20:

- All 9<sup>th</sup> graders in fall of 2019 will be assigned to their attendance area high school based on the approved 2019-20 boundaries.
- Students in HC entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade may opt into their HC pathway school.
- Entering 9th grade students in HC who have opted to attend Washington Middle School as 7th graders in the 2017-18 school year and who have the new guaranteed pathway assignment to West Seattle High School will also have a guaranteed pathway to Garfield High School for the 2019-20 school year only. The students in this grade level who choose to attend Garfield High School will be grandfathered at that school through 12th grade. If a student chooses West Seattle High School in 2019-20, the guaranteed option to enter Garfield will not be available to that student in subsequent years.



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- Any student may apply to another high school through school choice. Seats are based on space available.

### Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grader Assignments in 2020-21:

- Entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in HC who have opted to attend Washington Middle School as 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2017-18 school year and who have the new guaranteed pathway assignment to West Seattle High School will also have a guaranteed pathway to Garfield High School for the 2020-21 school year only. The students in this grade level who choose to attend Garfield High School will be grandfathered at that school through 12th grade. If a student chooses West Seattle High School in 2020-21, the guaranteed option to enter Garfield will not be available to that student in subsequent years.

## HCC PATHWAY IN WEST SEATTLE RECOMMENDATIONS

It's become clear to us that to truly serve HC student needs in the community there must be an end-to-end HCC path located within West Seattle – spanning elementary, middle and high school. To create a more robust HCC program, there must be a critical mass of students to serve. Leaving the West Seattle schools as HCC 'option' schools does not help in reaching the number of students (and therefore number of dollars) required to build a sustainable, equitable, and appropriately staffed HCC site.

Given the history of HCC school splits in the past, we recommend, for all students residing in the West Seattle attendance areas, the following tiered timeline:

1. Fairmount Park ES is made an official HCC pathway school starting with the 2017-2018 school year
  - Kindergarten HC students automatically assigned to Fairmount Park as HCC site
2. Madison MS is made an official HCC pathway school starting with the 2017-2018 school year
  - 5th grade students in HCC at Thurgood Marshall and Fairmount Park are assigned to Madison for 6th grade
3. West Seattle HS is made an official HCC pathway school starting with the 2017-18 school year with Chief Sealth International High School to be the option for IB.

We further recommend instituting a “grandfathering” process for current (SY 2016-2017) 6th grade HC students as the last group to have the Garfield HS option and grandfathering all West Seattle students in their current schools (Garfield, Ingraham, Washington, and Thurgood Marshall) until they move to the next level.

### Recommended transition plan for West Seattle HCC Pathway 2017-18 through 2019-20:

Key	Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-2023
6th grade transition year	1st	Fairmount Park or Thurgood Marshall	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park
All WS assigned	2nd	Fairmount Park or Thurgood Marshall	Fairmount Park (TM grandfathered)	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park
WSHS with GHS as option	3rd	Fairmount Park or Thurgood Marshall	Fairmount Park (TM grandfathered)	Fairmount Park (TM grandfathered)	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park
	4th	Fairmount Park or Thurgood Marshall	Fairmount Park (TM grandfathered)	Fairmount Park (TM grandfathered)	Fairmount Park (TM grandfathered)	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park
	5th	Fairmount Park or Thurgood Marshall	Fairmount Park (TM grandfathered)	Fairmount Park (TM grandfathered)	Fairmount Park (TM grandfathered)	Fairmount Park (TM grandfathered)	Fairmount Park	Fairmount Park
	6th	Washington (option to Madison)	Madison	Madison	Madison	Madison	Madison	Madison
	7th	Washington (option to Madison)	Madison (WMS grandfathered)	Madison	Madison	Madison	Madison	Madison
	8th	Washington	Madison (WMS grandfathered)	Madison (WMS grandfathered)	Madison	Madison	Madison	Madison
	9th	Garfield (option to IHS, WSHS, or CSIHS)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS)
	10th	Garfield (option to IHS, WSHS, or CSIHS)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS)
	11th	Garfield (option to IHS, WSHS, or CSIHS)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS)
	12th	Garfield (option to IHS, WSHS, or CSIHS)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS/Garfield) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS) (GHS grandfathered)	West Seattle (option to CSIHS) (GHS grandfathered)
		*families get guaranteed choice to GHS or CSIHS	*end option to WMS and TM	*families get guaranteed choice to GHS or CS	*end transportation to GHS (no more WMS)	*end option to GHS		
			*families get guaranteed choice to GHS or CSIHS		*families get guaranteed choice to GHS or CS			

## Transition Summary & Details:

### Beginning in 2017-18:

Pathways for HC students will switch to West Seattle designated HC schools, once students have opted into the HC program.

- 1st -5th Grade students will be assigned to Fairmount Park Elementary
- 6th-8th Grade students will be assigned to Madison Middle School
- 9th-12th students will be assigned to West Seattle High School, if they are coming to high school in the HC Cohort

Last year, the vast majority of WS HC elementary students attended Fairmount Park, choosing to opt into that program rather than attend Thurgood Marshall, outside of West Seattle. Fairmount Park now has a thriving program, and Madison MS and West Seattle HS are doing excellent work in preparing for HC students coming up.

West Seattle families are extremely concerned that their students not be removed from the school that they are currently enrolled. From high school on down, such disruption would be detrimental. In addition, moving West Seattle HC students from their current schools would have a negligible impact on improving over-enrollment at either Garfield or Washington. Therefore, we recommend:

- All West Seattle students who have been attending an HC school outside of West Seattle will be grandfathered into that school and allowed to complete the program in their school.
- HC students who have been attending an HC school outside of West Seattle should be given preference when rising with their cohort to another HC school outside of West Seattle, should they choose that school (For example: TM to WMS or WMS to GHS).

### 2017-18 and forward:

- 1st-8th Grade students will be able to opt to attend Thurgood Marshall or Washington Middle School for the HC program as a space available option.
- From 2017-18 through 2019-20, 9th-12th graders will be given a guaranteed option to Chief Sealth IHS, Garfield HS, or Ingraham HS.

*Please Note:* During last year's enrollment period, SPS enrollment officials guaranteed the incoming 6th grade HC class that they would have the opportunity to attend Garfield High School, regardless of attending Madison MS or Washington MS when enrolling in high school. There was a recommendation inside our committee that the high school portion of this plan, to make West Seattle and CSIHS the only guaranteed schools for WS, begin immediately, rather than have a 3-year transition with Garfield and Ingraham as also guaranteed, so that the HC program at West Seattle will become as strong as possible, as soon as possible. However, the majority felt that the promise made by the district regarding the grandfathered guarantee to attend Garfield, coupled with this longer transition to invest in West Seattle HS, will benefit both the district and the HC community.

### 2020-2021 and forward:

Students residing in West Seattle and opting into the HC program will be assigned to the HC program in the following schools:

- Fairmount Park Elementary, Madison Middle School, and West Seattle High School.
- In addition, those high school students wishing to participate in the IB program may choose Chief Sealth IHS as a guaranteed option.

All other programs throughout the district are available to students as a space available option.