



# **SCHOOL BOARD ACTION REPORT**

**DATE:** January 30, 2018  
**FROM:** Director Eden Mack and Director Rick Burke

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

Amendment 5 to Approval of the 2019-20 High School Growth Boundaries Plan and High School Highly Capable Pathways for 2019-20 and 2020-21: Provide 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable students in the new Lincoln pathway area the option to attend Lincoln, and allow all 9<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable eligible students district-wide to attend their pathway school

## **2. PURPOSE**

This amendment provides 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable students in the new Lincoln pathway area the option to attend Lincoln and allows all 9<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable-eligible students district-wide to attend their pathway school in 2019-20.

## **3. RECOMMENDED MOTION**

I move that Attachments K and N be amended as attached to this board action report to add language that provides 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable students in the new Lincoln pathway area the option to attend Lincoln and allows all 9<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable-eligible students district-wide to attend their pathway school in 2019-20.

## **4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **a. Background**

When Lincoln High School opens in 2019-20, it will open with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students only. General education students who are rising into these two grades who live in the Lincoln attendance area will be geo-split into Lincoln High School, meaning their default attendance area school assignment will change to Lincoln. This amendment concerns students who are enrolled in a highly capable (HC) pathway school, or who are HC-eligible but not enrolled in an HC pathway school.

This amendment accomplishes two things. First, it provides rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade highly capable students, whether HC-enrolled or not, who live in the new Lincoln pathway areas the option to attend Lincoln in 2019-20. Second, it allows rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders across the city who are HC-eligible to attend their new pathway school in 2019-20, even if they did not attend an HCC pathway school in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (Currently, student assignment procedures only provide a default assignment to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade HC assignment to students who are in an HCC pathway school in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.)

b. **Alternatives**

Do not approve this amendment. If this amendment is not approved, the assignment rules in the underlying board action report would remain unchanged.

c. **Research**

None

5. **FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

The likely result of this amendment will be an increase in enrollment at Lincoln High School, with fewer students attending Garfield and other north-end schools. Since enrollment drives school budgets, this amendment may change staffing allocations in schools. Overall fiscal impact to the district of the amendment will be minimal.

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

No extensive community engagement has been conducted, though this motion is in response to community requests for clarity around the HC pathway for 10th grade students at Lincoln. Parents of current 8th grade students impacted by the boundaries and pathways changes in 2019-20 have been writing the school board and district for clarification that students can have an assignment to the new HC pathway school even if the student does not attend Garfield (the current pathway) in 2018-19.

7. **EQUITY ANALYSIS**

An equity analysis was not completed.

8. **STUDENT BENEFIT**

This action benefits students by allowing students to attend their attendance area school in 2018-19 and join the new HC pathway in 2019-20 with other 10th grade students that will be assigned.

**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 K of main motion will be amended.

**13. ATTACHMENTS**

- Proposed Amendment to Attachment K (for approval)
- Proposed Amendment to Attachment N (for approval)

**HIGH SCHOOL HIGH CAPABLE PATHWAYS**

Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, there will be three Highly Capable (HC) pathways for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The IBX program at Ingraham is an optional pathway. Any student designated as HC-eligible, regardless of whether they attend an HCC pathway school in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, may enter their designated HC pathway. Students in an HC pathway high school in 2018-19 will be grandfathered in their current pathway school.

<b>HC PATHWAY SCHOOL</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE AREA HIGH SCHOOLS</b>
Lincoln High School	Ballard, Ingraham, Lincoln, Nathan Hale, and Roosevelt
Garfield High School	Franklin, Garfield, and Rainier Beach
West Seattle	West Seattle and Chief Sealth

To ensure that Lincoln opens with robust enrollment and relieves capacity pressure at nearby schools, rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who are HC-enrolled or HC-eligible and who live in the Ballard, Ingraham, Nathan Hale and Roosevelt attendance areas will have an option to choose Lincoln in 2019-20. (Students in the Lincoln attendance area will already have this option via their attendance area assignment.)

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

### **Optional Highly Capable Assignments**

- To ensure that Lincoln opens with robust enrollment and relieves capacity pressure at nearby schools, rising 9th and 10th grade students who are HC-enrolled or HC-eligible and who live in the Ballard, Ingraham, Nathan Hale and Roosevelt attendance areas will

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have an option to choose Lincoln in 2019-20. (Students in the Lincoln attendance area will already have this option via their attendance area assignment.)