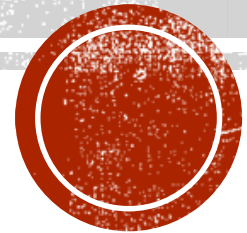


MAGNET POLICY REVISION

BP 0411

Magnet Schools

November 2, 2017



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 1990's : Theme-based Schools Opened to:
 - Provide choice
 - Increase enrollment (9,903)
- 2003-2011: Received Federal Magnet Grants
 - Bring in needed funding
 - Increase enrollment at under-enrolled schools
 - Decrease racial isolation while increasing academic achievement

CURRENT SITUATION

- No longer receive federal, state or local funds to support magnet programs
- Previously under enrolled schools that were designated as “magnet” with neighborhood boundaries have increased enrollment
- Four schools without neighborhood boundaries continue to operate as “true” magnets requiring transfers from across the District

PROPOSAL

- Rename “magnet” schools with neighborhood boundaries to “theme-based” schools
- Continue to support theme-based schools including approval of transfer requests
- Designate the four schools without neighborhood boundaries requiring transfers from across the District for enrollment as magnets

POLICY REVIEW

- Board Policy 0411



QUESTIONS / INPUT

