

Board Agenda Item #	IV-C Information/Discussion Item
Date:	June 13, 2019
То:	Magnolia Public Schools - Board of Directors
From:	Alfredo Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Ismael Soto, Director of Partnerships
RE:	Enrollment Update

## **PROPOSED BOARD MOTION**

This is an information item; no action is required.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The following enrollment data is pulled directly from the student enrollment dashboard in system <u>SchoolMint on May 31, 2019</u>, which delivers up to date enrollment numbers for all Magnolia schools.

Target enrollment for 2019-2020 is 4,114, as of May 31, 2019, enrollments needed are 292 students across all Magnolia Science Academies. A school-by-school breakdown is demonstrated in the graph below:

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### NEW Magnolia "Recruitment and Enrollment Strategy 2019-2020"

The Outreach and Communications Department alongside the Accountability Department have designed a NEW Magnolia Recruitment and Enrollment Strategy for 2019. The aim was to create purposeful and efficient collaboration between the school site Office Managers and the Parent and Community Engagement Coordinator teams. Lydiett Vega -Executive Office Manager and Ismael Soto - Director of Partnerships will be leading these efforts.

Below is a graph demonstrating the increase in enrollment packets received after the launch of the recruitment and enrollment strategy.

Received Weekly	Date
53	24 <sup>th</sup> -May
40	17 <sup>th</sup> -May
68	10 <sup>th</sup> -May
55	3 <sup>rd</sup> -May
94	26 <sup>th</sup> -Apr
50	14 <sup>th</sup> –Apr
39	5 <sup>th</sup> –Apr
40	29 <sup>th</sup> -Mar
25	22 <sup>nd</sup> -Mar

\*See attached recruitment and enrollment strategy for 2019-20

#### **Marketing Campaign Strategies**

In partnership with Digital First Media/Southern California News Group and Staples Print and Marketing have developed a multi-faceted enrollment marketing campaign. They include:

#### Southern California News Group

End of Year Push - To continue an effective use of the budget, we created a campaign using only the best platforms based on past performance. We grouped schools together based on enrollment priorities:

#### Priority 1 Schools (MSAS 1, 4, 6, Santa Ana, and San Diego):

MSA-1 (\*Enrollment goal of 30 students)

- LA Daily News Focus on Education: Print and Digital components published by LA Daily News education sections.
- Email Marketing (e-blast): Targeted emails to parents leveraging demos, income, and interests. Parents were able to submit an enrollment request through the eblast link or the Facebook "Learn More" button, which was logged and routed to the appropriate MSA website "Why MPS?" page.
- Social Media: Targeted Facebook/Instagram ads leveraging demos, income, & interests.

MSA-6 (\*Enrollment goal of 160 students)

- Direct Mail Post Cards: Targeted post cards leveraging demos & income
- Social Media: Targeted Facebook/Instagram ads leveraging demos, income, and interests

MSA-Santa Ana (\*Enrollment goal of 80 students)

- Excelsior Newspaper Publication: Print & Digital components targeting the Spanish Affluent community of South Orange County
- Direct Mail Post Cards Targeted post cards leveraging demos & income

MSA- San Diego (\*Enrollment goal 91 kids)

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#### Priority 2 Schools (MSAS 2, 3, 5, 7, AND 8)

Method: E-blast, Direct Mail-Post Cards, SEM, Facebook, and targeted display banners. These schools received a combined 50,000 count eblast targeting a radius geography from each school, with no duplication and specific demographics. There was also a companion Facebook campaign. The process mirrored Priority 1 schools.

### **PACE Program Support**

An example of the support the Parent and Community Engagement Coordinators are providing the schools is listed below:

MSA-4

- Rancho Palms MS/HS Fair
- Magnolia Referral Incentive Program
- 8th Grade Night

• MSA-4 hosted MSA-6 8th grades for an information session as a recruitment effort MSA-6

- Staples Every Door Direct Mail Post Card Campaign:
  - o 12/2018 and 01/2019 Winter break campaigns
- Multicultural Food Festival
  - March 2019 Inviting the community to our campus in efforts to boost enrollment
- So. Cal News Group
  - Facebook Campaign
  - o Direct Mail Campaign

#### **MPS Referral Program**

As part of our ongoing recruitment and enrollment strategy program here at Magnolia Public Schools, we launched a new Magnolia Referral Program. MSAs were shipped 5-15 ten-piece gift sets depending on enrollment needs.

The following are instructions given to MSA Office Managers:

1. **Print posters** and display where parents have a clear view (*ex. main office entrance, drop off location, parent centers, etc.*). Note: 11" x 17" posters have been distributed

to all MSA principals in attendance during today's monthly meeting at the MPS home office.

- Send weekly ParentSquare messages announcing the new referral program. Ensure you mention the launch date of May 22, 2019, prior referrals in SchoolMint will not be honored.
- 3. Promote in every **Friday Flash newsletter**.
- 4. To receive full credit for the referral, please guide families to add the person who referred them in the SchoolMint section titled "Referred by: (Provide Person's Full name)." PACE Coordinators and Office Managers will be guided on how to retrieve this information.

## BACKGROUND

#### **Marketing Terms:**

- Search Engine Marketing (SEM) is a form of Internet marketing that involves the promotion of websites by increasing their visibility in search engine results pages (SERPs) primarily through paid advertising. SEM may incorporate search engine optimization (SEO), which adjusts or rewrites website content and site architecture to achieve a higher ranking in search engine results pages to enhance pay per click (PPC) listings.
- **Facebook ads** are targeted to users based on their location, demographic, and profile information. Many of these options are only available on Facebook. After creating an ad, you set a budget and bid for each click or thousand impressions that your ad will receive. Users then see your ads in the sidebar onFacebook.com.
- **Email marketing (e-blast)** is a form of direct marketing that uses electronic mail as a means of communicating commercial or fundraising messages to an audience. In its broadest sense, every email sent to a potential or current customer could be considered email marketing.

• **Direct Mail Postcards** puts our unique MPS message in the hands of our customer – families with children TK-12 grades. Whether our Magnolia parent and community engagement or PACE Coordinators are handing them out in the neighborhoods we serve or launching direct mail postcards campaigns to reach families fast and with impact.

## **ANALYSIS**

Enrollment Marketing campaign calendar – June 2019 through January 2020

Marketing Timeline:

- Pre-Summer break campaigns June 3, 2019 June 14, 2019
- Summer campaigns July 3, 2019 August 13, 2019
- Census Day campaigns September 25, 2019 October 2, 2019
- Pre-Winter Break campaigns December 11<sup>th</sup> December 14<sup>th</sup>
- Winter break campaigns December 16, 2018 January 3, 2019
- Lottery campaigns January 3, 2020- January 9, 2020

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

These updated enrollment numbers and future projections are being used to calculate the 2019-20 budgets for all of Magnolia Public Schools.

## **EXHIBITS (attachments):**

Attachments included:

- 1. MSA\_GiftSet\_Incentive.jpg
- 2. Recruitment & Enrollment Strategy 2019.pdf
- 3. Enrollment\_as\_of\_May31\_2019

Magnolia Recruitment & Enrollment Strategy 2019-20 **PACE** and Accountability **Department Collaboration** 

# PACE = Recruitment Office Mgr. = Enrollment

Recruitment & Enrollment Strategy For PACE and Office Managers

- Office managers will make **FIRST CONTACT** with applicant families.
- If families do not reply to 1st or 2nd call attempt, PACE will be asked to make the recruiting/follow up calls.
- As families begin to turn in enrollment packets, the office staff will handle all form and compliance tasks.

Step I: PACE will meet with Office Managers to REVIEW the
<u>2019-2020 MPS Enrollments & Lotteries</u> every Monday between
9:30 am-10 am to review which grade levels still require applicants and who the Office Managers need you to contact.

**Step 2:** The **submitted and offered** applicant list will be given to PACE by Office Managers. PACE will utilize pre-determined scripts (see Call Scripts slide) when contacting families.

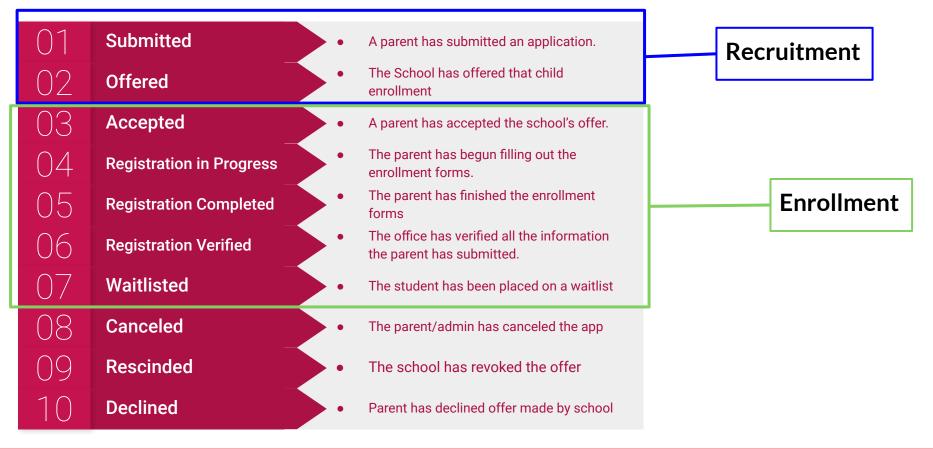
**Step 3:** PACE will report results to Office Managers every Wednesday by 10:30 am. Next, the Director of Partnerships and Executive Officer Manager will get an update during the weekly PACE call.







# **Schoolmint Application Status Definitions**



# **PACE: Call Scripts**

**Step I:** Hi, My name is \_\_\_\_\_, I am the Parent and Community Engagement Coordinator at Magnolia Science Academy-X.

- **Submitted script:** I am calling because we noticed that you submitted an application but have not completed the process. I am calling you today to answer any questions you might have. How can I support you in completing the application so that we can ensure your child has a seat at our school.
- Offered script: I am calling because we noticed that you were offered enrollment at our school Magnolia Science Academy - Santa Ana but have not accepted the offer. I am calling you today to answer any questions you might have. How can I support you in completing the application so that we can ensure your child has a seat at our school.

If YES: Continue to Step #2

**If NO:** I understand, if you'd like to reconsider, I would like to personally invite you to join me for a 15-minute campus tour on (insert date). Additionally, our next school event \_\_\_\_\_\_ is on (insert date) and would love to have you join us. Would it be ok for me to send you information regarding our event? Again, my name is (insert name), thank you for your time, please feel free to call me or stop by our school anytime for additional information.

**Step 2:** Great! Our school Magnolia Science Academy - X is excited to move forward with your enrollment. Is there anything I can assist with?

# **To Summarize**

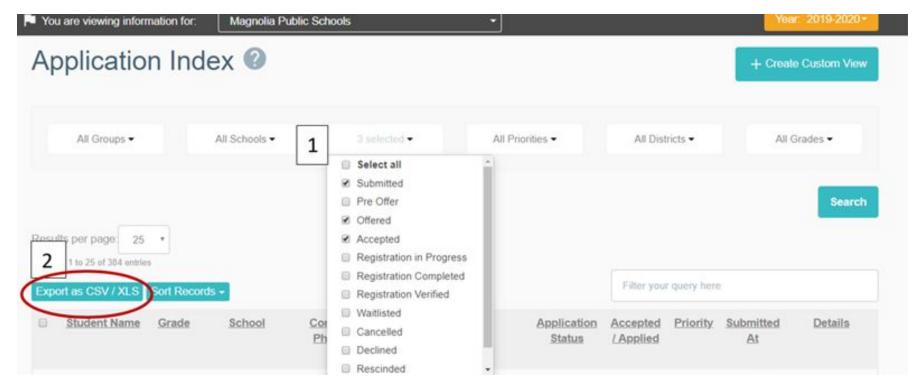
- **SchoolMint** = Prospective Students
- ParentSquare = Current Students
- **PACE** = Recruitment
- **Office Managers** = Accountability & Enrollments

# Contacting SchoolMint Applicants on ParentSquare

Steps:

- 1. Go to SchoolMint and export a file of applicant contact info
- 2. Go to ParentSquare and set up a new Smart Alert
- 3. Under Recipients choose the option to "Upload CSV Recipients..."
  - Make sure it's in the format outlined!
- 4. Record, email, text Smart Alert.

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# **Next Steps**

## April 24th

- PACE and Office Managers will be meeting to merge efforts and make sure everyone is on the same page
- OCD and Accountability will update MSA principals regarding new recruitment and enrollment strategy

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