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Dual Language Program Slots for Community Economic Development

The purpose of this policy is to assist the community of Lexington in the recruitment of professionals and skilled workers in high needs positions. It is recognized that the Dual Language Program (DLP), housed at Bryan Elementary, offers a unique educational experience that may help attract talent to the community.

The District will reserve two DLP kindergarten enrollment slots through August 1 of each year as a recruitment incentive for Lexington area employers. On or before July 25, the Lexington Council for Economic Development (CED) shall nominate no more than two students whose parents are being recruited by a Lexington area employer. The school district shall evaluate the qualifications of the nominees based on language skills and needs, household language spoken, school and program readiness, and any other factors deemed relevant by the school district. If the district determines that the nominee is qualified, he or she shall be enrolled for the start of kindergarten.

In order to qualify for this program, the student or at least one of his or her parents must be residents of Lexington Public Schools as of July 25, the deadline for nomination by CED. The board declares the DLP Slots for Community Economic Development unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

If one or both slots are unfilled as of August 1, the school district shall fill them through its regular enrollment procedure.

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