Recently, the Board of Education adopted a new Student Assignment Plan for elementary and middle schools (grades K-8) called the Partner Plan. It will not impact school selection or transportation eligibility for the 2016-17 school year. However, the Partner Plan will be implemented for the 2017-18 school year, and it will change transportation eligibility starting that school year. We strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with the new plan now as you consider school choice and transportation in the near future.

Under the Partner Plan, choice to the neighborhood (Home Attendance Area) school is guaranteed. Placement in non-neighborhood (transfer) schools is dependent upon classroom space availability. School choice is prioritized by placing neighborhood students first, siblings of students already attending the school second, and remaining transfer students third.

The Partner Plan considers the student's residence and distance to school, not socioeconomic status, to determine transportation eligibility. The Partner Plan creates eight (8) elementary partner zones and four (4) middle school partner zones within the District. There are no changes to the high school plan for 2017-18. Your residential address and corresponding neighborhood school determine your partner zone.

### 2017-18 ELEMENTARY PARTNER ZONES

Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend one of their partner zone schools AND live more than 1.0 miles from that school.

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<td>Florence</td>
<td>Lothrop*</td>
<td>Central Park</td>
<td>Druid Hill</td>
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<td>Miller Park</td>
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*Saratoga will be repurposed for the 2017-18 school year. Students living in the Saratoga attendance area south of Ames Ave. and east of the N. Freeway will become part of the Lothrop attendance area in partner zone 2. Students living in the Saratoga attendance area north of Ames Ave. or west of the N. Freeway will become part of the Skinner attendance area in partner zone 4.

**Wilson Focus** will continue as a District wide Specialty School. Families may apply to Wilson Focus starting in grade three.

### 2017-18 MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNER ZONES

Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend one of their partner zone schools AND live more than 1.5 miles from that school.

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<td>Hale</td>
<td>King Science*</td>
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<td>McMillan</td>
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*King Science is a district magnet school and is therefore a partner school in each zone; however, students who live in the King Science neighborhood are in partner zone 2 and are only eligible for transportation to schools in that zone.

*Beveridge is a shared partner school in zones 3 & 4; however, students who live in the Beveridge neighborhood are in partner zone 3 and are only eligible for transportation to schools in that zone.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Student Assignment Plan

1. How do I know which school is my neighborhood (Home Attendance Area) school?
   • Go to the OPS website – district.ops.org – click on the “SCHOOLS” header, then scroll down to “Find My School” and click on it. That link will take you to the OPS school locator site.

2. In the new Partner Plan, how do I know my partner zone schools?
   • Once you know your neighborhood school based on your residential address, you can refer to the schools on the list of partner zone schools on the other side of this sheet.

3. How does the Partner Plan impact my high school student?
   • The Partner Plan is for elementary and middle schools only. It does not change the current Student Assignment Plan for high school placement or transportation eligibility.

4. How does the Partner Plan impact my Special Education student?
   • Students who receive transportation as part of their Individual Education Plan (IEP) will continue to receive district-provided transportation. Students will continue to be placed in schools and programs designed to meet their special education needs, and the district will place students as close to their home as possible.

5. How does the Partner Plan impact my student’s ESL services?
   • ESL services will continue to be available in all partner zones in 2017-18.

6. Can my child still go to our neighborhood school?
   • Yes. Placement in your neighborhood school is guaranteed at initial enrollment and during the annual school selection process.

7. Can I still choose to have my student go to a school other than my neighborhood school?
   • Yes. Families may apply to any school in OPS. However, placement in a transfer school is based on space availability. If more students request a school than there is space available, then student placement will be prioritized by placing neighborhood students first, siblings of students already attending the school second, and remaining transfer students third. (See question 8 below for details on transportation eligibility.)

8. In the Partner Plan, will my child get a bus ride to school?
   • Neighborhood school: Students are eligible for transportation to their neighborhood school IF they reside more than 1.0 miles away (for elementary) or 1.5 miles (for middle school).
   • Transfer (non-neighborhood) school: Students will be eligible for transportation IF they attend one of their partner zone schools AND they reside more than 1.0 miles away (for elementary) or 1.5 miles (for middle school).
   • Students attending a school outside of their partner zone will not be eligible for transportation.

9. What if my child currently receives transportation to a school that is not in the partner zone?
   • In 2017-18, transportation will be available only to a student’s partner zone schools. Students will continue to receive transportation through the 2016-17 school year under the current Student Assignment Plan eligibility guidelines.

10. Does my child still have the option to attend a specialty or magnet program school?
    • Yes. Families may apply to attend any specialty or magnet program school; however, if the school is outside their partner zone, the student will not be provided transportation.

11. Under the Partner Plan, what happens if I move during the school year? Will my child receive transportation back to the school?
    • Families may request to have their child remain in the same school following a residential move. If the new residence is located in the same partner zone as the school and meets the walk distance guidelines (see question 8 above), then the student is eligible for transportation. If the residence is in a different partner zone, then transportation is not provided.

For more information regarding the Partner Plan, visit sap.ops.org. If you have specific questions regarding the Partner Plan, school choice, or transportation eligibility, please send an email with your question and contact information to oesfe@ops.org or call 402-557-2787. Thanks!