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Schools named for statewide choice program

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has announced the names of the 25 schools that received the most eligible applications during the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program application period.

The Green Bay and De Pere area will have four schools or school systems participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for the 2013-14 school year. The Kenosha, Manitowoc, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, and Wisconsin Rapids areas each have two schools or school systems that will admit students through the statewide choice program.

The remaining 11 communities will have one school or school system each in the new choice program.

Parents and guardians submitted applications for 2,415 students to attend the 48 schools that indicated their intent to participate in the statewide voucher program. The top 25 schools had 2,069 eligible students apply to be in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Of those students, 76 percent (1,566) did not attend a Wisconsin public school last year, and 24 percent (503) were from public schools. Of the 2,069 eligible students, 67 percent (1,393) attended a private school last year.

Prior Year Attendance	Eligible Student Applications	
	Number	Percent
Wisconsin Private School	1,393	67.3
Wisconsin Public School	503	24.3
No School	101	4.9
Homeschooled	69	3.3
Out-of-state	3	0.1
TOTAL	2,069	100

The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program is limited to 500 students for the 2013-14 school year. State law requires the department to conduct a random drawing of eligible student applications and allocate 10 seats to each of the 25 schools and then fill the remaining 250 seats randomly. The random selection of student applications will be conducted by computer next week.

According to state law, schools must submit documentation of their certificate of occupancy and meet program financial requirements by Sept. 1.

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NOTE: A list of the 25 schools receiving the most applications for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program follows. The number in parentheses is the number of eligible applications the school received during the Aug. 1-9 application period. A complete list of eligible applications received by the 48 schools that indicated an interest in participating in the new statewide voucher program is available on the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program website, <http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/wpcp-statewide>. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/files/eis/pdf/dpinr2013_95.pdf.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program
25 Schools Receiving the Most Applications
Application Period — August 1-9, 2013

Appleton

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School System Inc. (193)

Beloit and Janesville

Rock County Christian School (102)

Chippewa Falls

McDonnell Area Catholic School (88)

Eau Claire and Altoona

Regis Catholic Schools (120)

Fond du Lac

Saint Mary's Springs Academy (64)

Green Bay and De Pere

Green Bay Area Catholic Education – East (110)

Green Bay Area Catholic Education – South (64)

Green Bay Area Catholic Education – West (62)

Notre Dame de la Baie Academy (82)

Kenosha

Friedens Lutheran School (95)

Saint Joseph Catholic Academy (100)

La Crosse and Onalaska

Aquinas Catholic Schools (100)

Madison

Lighthouse Christian School (31)

Manitowoc

Roncalli High School (65)

Saint Francis of Assisi School (93)

Marshfield

Columbus Catholic Schools (83)

Oshkosh

Lourdes Academy (113)

Valley Christian School (95)

Plymouth

Saint John Lutheran School (42)

Sheboygan

Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School (42)

Sheboygan Christian School (59)

Stevens Point and Plover

Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools (106)

Wausau and Rothschild

Newman Catholic Schools (94)

Wisconsin Rapids

Assumption Catholic Schools (109)

Immanuel Lutheran School (40)

NOTE: The number in parenthesis is the number of eligible applications received at each school and does not indicate the number of students who will attend for 2013-14 using a state voucher. The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program is limited to 500 pupils. The Department of Public Instruction will conduct a random drawing to determine the 500 students that may participate in the program.