## COPY OF CHOICE LETTER MAILED TO RISING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS

January 11, 2019

Hampton City Schools will be accepting applications for the school division's Choice Middle School Programs for the 2019-2020 school year beginning January 11, 2019. The enclosed Choice Middle School Information Sheet highlights choice options and announces the dates and times of open houses to help you make an informed decision.

To ensure equity in selection, choice seats will be filled through a lottery system. It is important to consider when applying for the choice middle school, that both child and family must have a willingness to work hard toward academic success and show commitment to the school's mission. Parents must provide transportation to Choice Middle School Programs.

The application is enclosed. It is also available in schools and on the Hampton City Schools' website. Please fill in the application if you are interested in applying for a choice middle school, and return it to Hampton City Schools, ATTN: Dr. Raymond L. Haynes, One Franklin Street, Suite 553, Hampton, VA 23669 by Friday, February 8, 2019.

Parents may also opt to complete an Out-of-Zone Application for a middle school by submitting an application to the principal of the respective school on or after March 1, 2019. Out-of-zone placements are based on space availability and parents must provide transportation. Parents will be notified of out-of-zone placement by August 15, 2019.

Parents will be notified the week of February 25, 2019 if your child is selected by lottery for a choice middle school slot or placed on the waiting list. You will be asked to confirm your choice middle school selection no later than Monday, March 18, 2019. Your child will be assigned to his/her zoned school if the Acceptance Form is not received by March 18, 2019.

We encourage you to call your building principal or visit our website at <a href="http://www.hampton.k12.va.us">http://www.hampton.k12.va.us</a> to review information on choice middle schools and the many high quality academic offerings available in Hampton City Schools.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

Enclosures