An internal Magnet taskforce was initiated to review the current state of the District’s magnet schools/programs. This included a review of historical information including magnet enrollment data, existing policies and procedures, costs, offerings and pathways.

**Overarching Goal:** Assure that the PreK-12 options afforded to our students are equitable, coherent, and high quality.
March - December 2015:
• Taskforce launched with technical assistance from consultant Jan Ripper.
• Inconsistencies regarding Montessori P3-4-5 program enrollment were surfaced; options were explored to unify the program within our Early Childhood program.
• Minor updates to Administrative Regulation of the Magnet Policy surfaced.
• Bi-monthly meetings with Magnet principals re-instituted.
• Initial report/recommendations shared with Cabinet; Timeline for taskforce and its recommendations are extended.

March, 2016: Administrative Regulations (AR) “clean-up” revisions shared at Policy Committee/ Workshop of the Board.

April - December 2016:
- Internal working group re-constituted.
- Additional internal and external benchmarking conducted including a literature review.
- New online Magnet registration/ enrollment system (SRC) is launched.
- Magnet Schools of America secured for technical assistance.
1. In January 2017, we will present comprehensive preliminary recommendations regarding Magnets with final recommendations in June 2017.

2. Today, we are sharing a new change to our Montessori P3 & P4 enrollment process to align all PreK offerings as a part of the District’s Early Childhood (EC) program:

*Integrate Montessori PreK (P3 and P4) lottery and enrollment under the Early Childhood Program.*
1. To avoid confusion for current and prospective PPS families: All applications for children three and four years old will be accepted during the EC lottery window. *Applications accepted from Feb. 1-March 31. Lottery runs on April 17. Parents are notified by May 5, 2017.*

2. To follow the Board policy from May 2012, whereas all PreK children whose family income exceeds 300% of the Federal Poverty Level will pay tuition, Montessori P3 and P4 will also pay tuition.
# Income Guidelines Criteria

## Federal Poverty Level (FPL) chart

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What Will This Mean?

• Phase-In Period: Those who are currently enrolled and those siblings that are applying for the 2017-18 school year will be exempt from being charged tuition for the 17-18 school year only.

• All enrolled students through this new process would receive continuation in the program through kindergarten.

• The program model and design will remain unchanged.