



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
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Dear GAMP Families,

The school selection process allows students currently in pre-kindergarten through 11th grade to apply to attend any District school, with available space, outside of their neighborhood or catchment area. **The 2023-2024 school selection process for the 2024-2025 school year opens on Friday, September 15, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. and will close on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Applicants participating in the 2023-2024 school selection process are seeking to attend a school outside their neighborhood or catchment area beginning in September 2024.**

I am writing to you today to share an important change to the 2023-24 school selection process that will specifically affect GAMP students. **The District will provide offers to all eligible 8th graders who already attend any middle/high school (including our school) and meet that high school's criteria, upon their completion of the school selection application process.** What this means is that since your child is already enrolled in GAMP for middle school, they are eligible to remain at GAMP for high school if they wish, as long as they complete the school selection application process and meet the school's criteria.

As a reminder of the details that were shared in the previous communication, the District will continue to:

- Use a centralized lottery and waitlist system.
- Apply school-specific grades, attendance, and PSSA criteria. These school-specific criteria will be shared publicly once determined.
- Make the online application available in 10 different languages.
- Prioritize the applications of qualified applicants who live in specific zip codes that have the lowest representation of students accepting offers over the last four years, at the following criteria-based schools:
 - Academy at Palumbo (for admission to 9th grade)
 - Carver Engineering & Science at (for admission to 7th and 9th grades)
 - Central High School (for admission to 9th grade)
 - Masterman (for admission to 5th and 9th grades)

This year's zip codes will be determined in September. These zip codes will be shared at a later date.

In the meantime, I invite you to find answers to your additional questions and learn more about school selection, school admission criteria and the application, by visiting schoolselect.philasd.org. If you have further questions, please email schoolselect@philasd.org or call 215-400-4290, and select option 2, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

The GAMP staff and I look forward to supporting you during the upcoming 23-24 school selection process. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. At' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Interim Principal
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