Parents/Guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their children in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

**DEADLINES:**
March 2, 2020 is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2020-2021 school year.

September 1, 2020 is the last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students and those students falling under the “good cause” definition for the 2020-2021 school year. To insure that the transfer of individual students does not adversely affect the diversity plan of the District, certain limitations to open enrollment have been established. **Parents of kindergarten students are therefore encouraged to make application requests prior to March 2, 2020.**

**APPEALS:**
Within 30 days of a denial of an open enrollment request by the DMPS Board of Education, a parent/guardian may file an appeal with the state board of education only if the open enrollment request was based on repeated acts of harassment or a serious health condition of the student that the district cannot adequately address. All other denials must be appealed to the district court in Polk County.

**ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY:**
In most cases, a high school student who open enrolls is **ineligible** for **varsity** athletic competition during the student’s first 90 consecutive school days of enrollment in the receiving district. Some, but not all, exceptions to this general rule of ineligibility are as follows:

1. The sending district does not offer the sport in question.
2. The sending district was dissolved and merged with one or more other districts.
3. The sending district whole-grade shares with another district for the student’s grade level.

**TRANSPORTATION:**
Parents/Guardians of students open enrolled from another school district are eligible for transportation assistance if the household income of the parent/guardian is at or below the federal poverty guidelines for household size. **The two districts must be contiguous.** Assistance may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a cash stipend. Information regarding transportation eligibility and a complete copy of the District’s open enrollment policy and procedures may be obtained from the Open Enrollment Office, 2100 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321.