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IN-DISTRICT SCHOOL CHOICE LOTTERY PROGRAM

December 19, 2022

Deadline: February 1st

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Twelve years ago, our Board of Education approved the creation of a school choice lottery for students residing in Denville, Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Township, or Wharton who may wish to attend an MHRD high school other than the one designated by their residence. The lottery was created in response to community concerns over the social impact of having two high schools. For most years of the lottery's existence, approximately half of the applicants have requested a switch from Knolls to Hills, and the other half from Hills to Knolls.

Please note that both of our high schools follow the same curriculum and are ranked in the top 100 NJ high schools by *NJ Monthly* magazine.

The district will make up to 15 "choice" seats available for the 2023-2024 school year. Students who apply for and are selected for the lottery may choose to attend either Morris Hills or Morris Knolls High Schools, regardless of their residence within the four sending communities.

The program is not available to students who are already enrolled in grades 9-12 or who live outside the district.

Families who are interested in participating in the lottery must do the following:

- 1) [Register with the Morris Hills Regional District](#) at the school indicated by your address.
- 2) Fill out an online lottery application during the student's 8th grade year. This year's application will be available on [our website](#) on January 1st and must be **submitted by February 1, 2023.**

Additional information and details about the In-District School Choice Lottery Program can be found on the [Morris Hills Regional District website](#).

Sincerely,

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