

Subject: Controlled Choice Cmte

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Bruce: Can we get the following print-outs for tonight?

For class entering Fall '99, % who id not get their first choice & left. I realize that the chart you did for last week may reflect this indirectly, but an actual field for it may clear up some of the confusion that the Cragmont School Principal exhibited.

For same class, percentages that got 1st choice, 2d choice, 3d choice, all for that population that expressed a choice. Using your chart of last week, only 79% of whites appeared to get 1st, 2d, 3d or none of the above. Similarly, only 80% of "other" got any or no choices. That should not be true, should it? Moreover, the discrepancy is not explainable by those filing no choices, as that is 29% of whites and 35% of "other."

For class entering Fall '95, the same chart, as revised. The figures in the Magnet School report I handed out last week claimed that 75% of "nonminorities" not getting their first choice left the system. We need to see if that figure is accurate. The comments of one administrator inferred that many people were encouraged to apply by the implementation of the Controlled Choice system. As a result, '95 may be a more relevant year because it may show the potential of increased choice to draw a more representative student body.

In any event, by comparing the stayed/left numbers of those that got/did not get their 1st choice for '95 and '99, we may get an actual read on the effect of choice on the system's population.

Please call or e-mail with questions. Thanks a lot.