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Dear Deal Middle School School Parents and Families,

Although August is still months away, DC Public Schools is already preparing for your child's next school year! As you know, student achievement is climbing across DCPS, and we are eager for you to continue to be a part of these gains. For this reason, we want to ensure that you have clear information about your school options in DCPS for the 2013-2014 school year.

**If your child is in 8th grade at Deal Middle School this year:**

Rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders have several options available to them:

- Each student has a neighborhood high school assigned to his/her address. To determine your neighborhood school, go to <http://dcatlas.dcgis.dc.gov/schools/> and enter your address or ask someone at your school to assist you.
- In addition, all students who successfully complete 8th grade at Deal Middle School -- whether they are in-boundary or out-of-boundary -- have a right to attend Wilson High School. This means that your child has the right to attend Wilson High School, or your neighborhood school next school year.
- If you want your child to attend a school not described by the option(s) described above, you may apply to the DCPS Out-of-Boundary Lottery between January 28 and February 25. For more information, go to [www.dcps.dc.gov/oob](http://www.dcps.dc.gov/oob) or ask school staff to assist you.

**If you have a child who is turning 3 or 4 years old by September 30, 2013:**

If your child is not yet enrolled in DC Public Schools, you should apply to the DCPS Preschool and Pre-K Lottery between January 28 and February 25. DCPS offers numerous full-day three- and four-year-old programs at elementary schools and education campuses across the city. For more information, go to [dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/ECE](http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/ECE).

**Questions?**

If you have questions about enrolling your child at Wilson High School, please call Wilson High School at 282-0120 or visit the school and ask the school staff to assist you.

If you have additional questions or need assistance identifying school options, please contact the DCPS Critical Response Team at (202) 478-5738 or by e-mail at [criticalresponseteam@dc.gov](mailto:criticalresponseteam@dc.gov).

Thank you for choosing DC Public Schools this school year. We have many exciting plans for school year 2013-2014 and look forward to working with you and your student again next fall!