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## ***For Immediate Release***

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## **Holmes School District Controlled Open Enrollment**

During the 2016 Legislative Session an amendment was made to Florida Statute 1002.31. It amended the existing Florida Statute on controlled open enrollment and changed controlled open enrollment from an option to a directive for district school boards.

Prior to the amended statute, Holmes District Schools had a plan in place that allowed students living in our district to attend the district school of their choice and a plan on how students from other districts could obtain a waiver to attend one of our district schools. This amendment to Florida Statute 1002.31 is requiring our district to restructure our plan for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond. Holmes District School's draft Controlled Open Enrollment Plan is located at [www.hdsb.org](http://www.hdsb.org) for review prior to the Public Hearing that has been scheduled for, February 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Holmes District School Board, board room. You may also request a hard copy of controlled open enrollment draft at the district school board offices.

The new plan now requires that any student who is living outside the zone set for each district school to complete an Annual School Reassignment Application yearly. Students who live outside the school district will also be required to complete the application. Priority will be given to Holmes district school students first, along with court orders, foster care and military relocation. Holmes school district has set student capacity limits at each of our schools. At this time, Holmes School District does not see an issue with students continuing to attend a school outside of their zone, but will require that the application process be followed for each student.