

**Open Public Meeting**

**January 16, 2024**

**6:00 p.m. in Freshwater Auditorium**

Dear 6th Grade Parents,

 As you are all aware, due to the size of our 6th grade class and the restricted enrollment of 26 students in the Freshwater Charter Middle School (FCMS) classrooms, the district is mandated by Education Code 47605.6(2)(A)(B) to hold a lottery for enrollment at an "open public meeting". That meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Freshwater Auditorium. Parents may attend, but it is not required to be there. **You are receiving this notice because your child does not reside in the Freshwater School District, but is eligible to be in the lottery.** If you do not wish to be a part of the lottery, please let us know ASAP.

 Currently there are 13 students who are automatically eligible to attend FCMS. That leaves 15 students who have been at Freshwater during 4th-6th grade who are eligible to be in the lottery for the 13 remaining spaces. The lottery process will be overseen and the actual drawing of names conducted by the Freshwater Board President as follows: 1) Each eligible child's name will be written on a card and then placed in a container; 2) The Board President will then draw names out of the container, one at a time. The first fifteen (15) names drawn will be immediately enrolled in FCMS. The remaining two (2) names will be placed on a list as "Alternates" as they are drawn. In the event an FCMS enrollment spot opens, the first alternate will become eligible, and so on. All parents will be notified by mail the next day.

 This is a difficult time for all of the Board and us and I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of the Freshwater Families who have been with us through the years and may not be with us next year. For those of you who need to enroll elsewhere for middle school, please feel free to call upon us for assistance. We will do whatever we can to make your transition easier.

Sincerely,

Mr. Talty and the Freshwater School Board Trustees