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**Subject:**RE: request letter   
**To:**"Stephanie Christmas" <sachristmas@wm.edu>   
**Cc:**"Spradley, Patricia" <spradleyp@sps.springfield.ma.us>

Hi Stephanie,

You most certainly have left me messages.  I did return the first

message and left one for you.  Please accept my apologies for not

responding again immediately.

I have opened your request letter.  It is Parent Information Center's

responsibility to assign students to school.  For K-8 there is a

boundary plan in place which was passed by our school committee several

years back.  The student's address determines the boundary school they

will be assigned to.  Elementary students are walkers if they live

within 1 1/2 miles of the school.  Middle school students are walkers if

they live within 2 miles of the school.  If they are further than those

distances, a bus is provided.

Outside of boundary school assignments, we have magnet schools which a

student can pick to attend regardless of address.  It is a lottery

system whereby students with an older sibling in that same school have

preference for assignment purposes.

High school students are allowed to pick regardless of address.  Again,

preference goes to students with an older sibling in that same school.

I have a huge alphabetical list of all the street addresses in the City

of Springfield which shows what school that address is assigned to.  We

also have it on our website where you can put in a street address and it

will tell you the school and if the student would be a walker or bus

rider.  For us here at the Parent Information Center, when we put in a

student's address and then go to make an assignment the computer tells

us which school to assign them to.  We use the computer as our reference

and assignment process.

Unfortunately, I do not have nor do I know if lists exist of streets

grouped by schools.  I am going to ask my director if this information

exists in a format that shows specific groups of streets assigned to

specific boundary schools.

I hope that this information is helpful.  Email is a quicker, more

convenient way of communication for me.

Please let me know if you received this and if it is at least helpful in

what you are looking for.

Best regards,

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