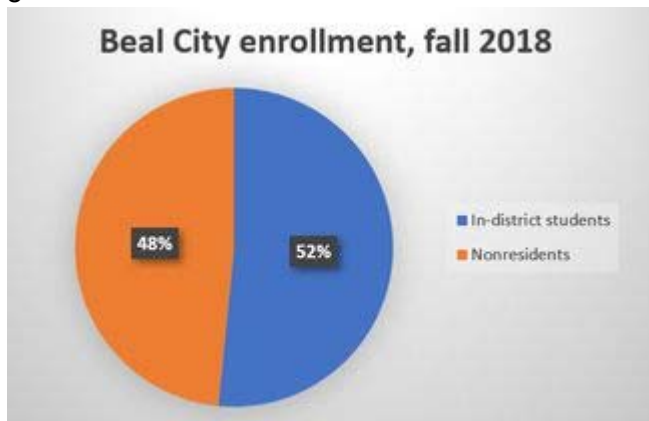


A Thank you from the Superintendent - Beal City Public Schools is in the top 10 in the state of Michigan for Schools of Choice.

In 1994, Michigan began the Schools of Choice program. This program allows families out of their resident school district to request the opportunity to attend a different district they do not reside in. In an Mlive news article by Julie Mack, Beal City was listed as the 8th highest school district in the state of Michigan. when it came to Schools of Choice student gains. See the attached link below to read the full article.

<https://www.mlive.com/news/g66l-2019/11/ddb6967b2a5909/68-michigan-districts-with-biggest-gains-from-school-choice-in-201819.html>

The graph below is from the Mlive article. It shows Beal City's statistics for student loss and gains with the School of Choice student's enrollment.



8. Beal City Public Schools (Isabella County): 62%

The Beal City school district enrolled 62% more public-school students than lived in the district in fall 2018. The breakdown:

- Number of public-schools students living in the district: 424;
- District's fall 2018 enrollment: 688;
- Gain from non-resident students: 333;
- Loss from residents enrolled in other districts or charters: -69;
- Net gain: 264.
- Biggest group of non-residents: 228 live in the Chippewa Hills school district.

Making Beal City **THE** School of Choice in our area requires contributions from a wide-ranging group of people. Thank you to our Beal City community for their dedication and effort in supporting our school district. A HUGE thank you to our support and professional staff of Beal City Public Schools for helping make Beal City a high-quality educational institution. Last but not least, thank you to the hundreds of students and parents that make Beal City Public Schools their school of choice each and every day. The success that Beal City has enjoyed takes the teamwork of all of our stakeholders.

There are lots of reasons folks choose a school district. Some families are drawn to programming in the arts, athletics, and academics. Others see school size, quality of facilities,

and location as important factors. The idea of tradition cannot be discounted, either. Many of our parents and/or family members were Aggies and want their kids to be Aggies too. Finally, it is not uncommon for our school of choice parents to cite school climate and academic rigor as reasons for bringing their students to Beal City. Sometimes it is best to just hear from the parents that choose Beal City for their students. Below are some quotes from a few of our school of choice parents.

"When looking for a school in the area, we were impressed with the Beal City staff's passion for students and their investment in the Beal City community. It is clear that the people who work at Beal really love their jobs, and they are excited to work there.

We've also been very impressed by the school's emphasis on the development of personal character along with academics" **Deric & Sarah Learman**

"We chose Beal City Public Schools for the small-town feel. The class sizes are kept low, which means the students get more one on one attention. The teachers and administrative staff are amazing. And we love the strong, supportive community of Beal City!" **Ann Smith**

"I chose Beal City Schools for my kids because of the community feel and the educational opportunities available." **Angie Latham**

"We chose to send our son to Beal City Public Schools due to their commitment to student success. From their student to teacher ratio, athletic opportunities, and extra-curricular activities, Beal City provides the infrastructure for students to grow and prepare themselves for whatever their future might be." **Denny & Kelly Berryhill**

Here is another link to a TV 9 & 10 story on the School of Choice program here at Beal City Public Schools.

<https://www.9and10news.com/2018/09/25/beal-city-public-schools-have-almost-half-of-students-from-out-of-district/>

In conclusion, thank YOU for being part of something special. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions and/or discuss the great things going on here in Beal City Public Schools on a daily basis. Go Aggies!

Sincerely,
William C. Chilman IV
Superintendent of Schools