

## Honeoye Falls-Lima to offer Urban-Suburban program in 2018

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The Honeoye-Falls-Lima Central School District will join the Urban-Suburban program next fall.

The district's Board of Education voted Tuesday to join the Monroe #1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services program, according to Honeoye Falls-Lima Superintendent Gene Mancuso. HF-L is one of only a few districts within Monroe County not currently participating in the 52-year-old voluntary desegregation plan, where select students from the Rochester City School District are enrolled in nearby suburban schools.

As with other participating districts, HF-L would bear little to no financial burden for the additional students, who bring state funding with them and are transported by RCSD. The district gets to choose which students, and how many, it accepts.

"Depending on class size, we do expect to enroll our first elementary-age students in September 2018," Mancuso said.

District officials previously said the program with six to 10 students per year in grades 2-6, based on class space. The district can select some students one year and none the next, he noted.

Earlier this year, a

committee studied the Urban-Suburban program and held public meetings as they considered adding the program at HF-L. Ultimately, the committee recommended participating in the program.

"The Honeoye Falls-Lima School District has always been an inclusive place for students," Mancuso said in a printed statement. "Our district provides an excellent educational environment driven by a continuous improvement model and with stringent fiscal management.

Board members, he said, recognized that the Urban-Suburban program "would not solve the regional urban problems or the HF-L Diversity issue," he said. "It is, however, an incremental step within a larger diversity framework to prepare HF-L students for today's world."

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