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Dear Colleagues,

We've finalized our Early Decision selection process and notified applicants of their decisions. Our hope is that the **following pool-wide context** will support your work with students and families as you debrief early outcomes and help students finalize Regular Decision applications.

Northwestern's **early pool grew by 3.5% to just over 5,200 applicants**. In addition to growth in volume, we saw exciting **growth in the number of secondary schools represented** in our pool: up 22%, with a 25% increase in U.S. public schools.

As in recent years, we've **admitted about half our incoming class** through our Early Decision round; we **expect to enroll just over 2,000 students in the Class of 2027**. Also consistent with recent years, we are relatively lean on defers and aim to give a final decision whenever possible.

If students have questions about **next steps**, here is some guidance you may pass along:

Applicants who were denied admission through Early Decision may not reapply in the same year. All decisions are final, and we do not have an appeals process. While we encourage students to invest fully in their remaining applications and embrace whatever terrific college options are sure to come this year, you may share that our transfer cohort has grown over the past decade to roughly 225 students, and we welcome students to reapply via that process.

Early Decision candidates whose admission decisions were deferred to spring should ensure we receive a midyear transcript as soon as it is available, and no later than mid-February. You may upload those through the Common Application or Coalition with Scoir platforms or send directly to ug-admission@northwestern.edu. We anticipate admitting a small number of deferred candidates through our Regular Decision round. While we neither require nor expect deferred candidates to submit additional information or letters of support, students who wish to send updates may submit those via their online applicant portal.

Admitted students should withdraw all applications submitted to other institutions, as indicated in the Early Decision agreement you both signed. Other steps toward enrolling in the Class of 2027 will be snail-mailed with an admit packet and are also outlined online at admit.northwestern.edu.

Finally, our **Regular Decision deadline is January 2nd**. Students should ensure their portion of the application is submitted online by 11:59 p.m. local time on the 2nd. Please note, we can accept supporting materials from high schools after that deadline if need be. If you have students with higher financial need, they can learn about our **application fee waivers** [here](#).

We're thrilled to welcome our newest Wildcats and thank you for sending them our way! We also recognize a majority of our decisions cause great disappointment in this early round, and we're ever appreciative for the work you do to champion, advise, and support students throughout this process.

Have a relaxing and joyful holiday season,



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