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2019-20 CLASS PLACEMENT - PARENT INFORMATION FORM

Class placements are important decisions and something that teachers consider very carefully.

FACTORS & CONSIDERATIONS: Assigning students to classes is a very complex task that takes into consideration a variety of factors, including: learning styles and strengths, what a student is able to achieve in relation to the goals of the curriculum, degree of independence in work habits, social and personal needs, age and physical maturity, previous placements, gender balance of class, number of ELL (English Language Learners), students with special needs, etc...

The number of staff members assigned to our school is decided by the Superintendent's Office and is based on projected student enrolment. Enrolment estimates and class size guidelines affect the configuration of classes, which may also necessitate a particular organizational configuration (i.e. whether or not we have combined or "split" classes and the number of students, per grade, in the class).

SCHOOL-BASED DECISIONS: The professional staff is in contact with children in the school setting for 30 hours a week. Your child's present teacher, along with other educators who work with your child, have a year's worth of current, rich information and insight about the conditions under which your child learns best. Therefore, decisions around where to place students are determined through school-based, team decisions, based on their recommendations.

INPUT FROM PARENTS: As our partners in education, parents may also have important information to assist us with the placement of students. Parents are welcome to share with the school personal, educational, or social information that could affect a child's placement. Our staff will keep in mind this information, along with the above considerations, when building classes.

If you have information about your child and the kind of learning environment in which she/he best works and learns, and you would like to share this information with our staff, please fill in the "Parent Information" section on the other side. As we will soon be making decisions about next year's classes, you are asked to **return the completed form to the office no later than Friday, June 7th.**

It is important to note that it is not possible for parents to choose their child's teacher or make requests regarding other students. Teachers who are currently on staff may not be here next year, may not be assigned the same grade, or may not teach a class configuration that meets your child's learning needs. Whatever the scenario, we strive to place your child in a warm, caring environment that will maximize his/her learning potential.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact Mme Greenhalgh at 604-594-8491 or at egreenhalgh@deltasd.bc.ca

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