



**ECOLE RIVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Much anticipated, our class placements at Riverdale are completed and children are settling into their new classes this afternoon.

As you can imagine, the process of organizing classes is very complex and requires much thought and deliberation. The staff at Riverdale has spent many hours of their own time making decisions that they feel are in the best interest of all students in the school. They have created classes with careful consideration for each student. Much care has been put into these decisions.

Some of the things that are taken into consideration when deciding class placements are:

- Individual learning strengths and needs of students
- Students' personalities and social interactions with other students
- Ministry rules on class size and composition
- Changes in enrolment numbers
- Parent input when possible

We understand that some children might feel disappointment. We ask that you acknowledge their feelings and help them move forward with positive encouragement by discussing how we go about making class placements. We know in a few days they will be settled as teachers start building their inclusive classroom community.

We have received many parent requests this year. While we have made our best efforts to accommodate where possible, we have not been able to honour all requests. We are confident in our decisions we've made this year and are excited to move forward in our new classes. We look forward to new learning and the continued growth of each student here at Riverdale.

If you have concerns or questions about your child's placement, please speak to their teacher or either myself (Mr. Vervaeet) or Madame Boudreau.

We wish you and your family a wonderful year of learning!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Vervaeet  
Principal